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AN EXPERT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSCLES

Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

Q. *What does it take to build muscles?*

A. Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

Q. *Isn't there an easier way?*

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

Q. *What's that?*

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

Q. *How long does Bullworker training take?*

A. Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day... and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

Q. *How long does it take before you begin getting results?*

A. With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

Jack Barclay, junior Mr. Europe shows the kind of results he achieved with Isometric Bullworker training.

Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps... using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.

Q. *What do those figures mean in visual terms?*

A. They mean that in as little as 14 days you can actually begin to *see* muscle growth in a mirror and *verify* it with a tape measure. Every week thereafter brings ever faster growth.

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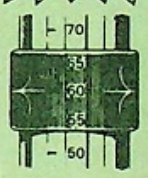

Q. *But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?*

A. Absolutely not. That's the outstanding advantage of Isometric training... it's so amazingly easy! Each "Static-power" Isometric exercise takes *only 7 seconds*, and you barely have to move. It's not even necessary to disrobe. The Bullworker is so light and compact, it can be used at home, in the office, anywhere... even while watching TV! It's a great improvement over bulky, expensive weights, bicycle machines, pulleys, etc.

Q. *Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?*

A. Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle... build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves.... And all this in *record time!*

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Q. *How can our readers find out more about the Bullworker, perhaps actually try it for themselves?*

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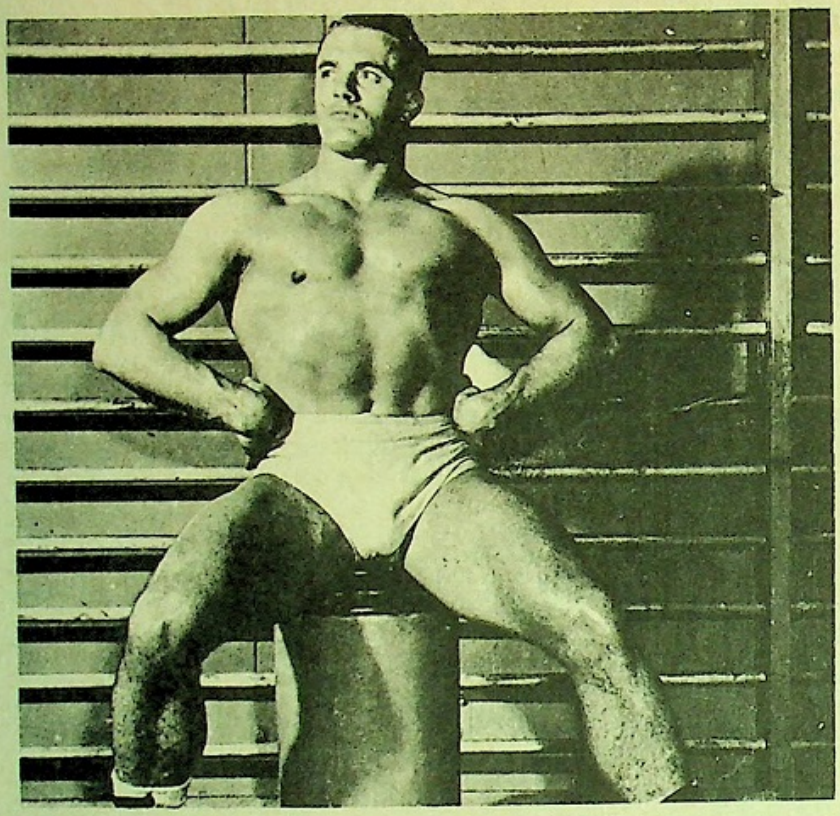
by STU HART



Stu Hart

I present wrestling in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Montana on a weekly basis. My office headquarters are in Calgary. I have televised wrestling programs on stations in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Saskatoon, Regina, and Montana.

Two of the top stars in my area right now are Dutch Savage and Tor Kamata. These two have caused quite a few ripples, even against each other, in my area. They have to be regarded as two of the toughest, most brutal men in the sport today. I don't think there can be much doubt of that.

Their credentials are impressive and Kamata appears to be even more formidable because of his Oriental background and training. Fans here who have seen Chin Lee and Sugi Seto in action will agree the Orientals bring a little extra to the game, some of it rather mysterious.

Another top star here is Gil Hayes. I've always felt that Gil was at his best in tag team work and I'd like to see him do more of it. He and Bob Sweetan had a pretty good run as international champions before they split up. I think that if Gil could come up with the right partner he'd have a chance of winning the belts back. He's a fiery guy who might do even better if he didn't lose his temper.

I am a member of the National Wrestling Alliance and I attended their convention last year in Mexico City. One of the committee reports showed that more young men are coming into the game and that colleges and universities still remain the top feeding ground for the professional game. In recent years, much in the fashion of big business, teams of professional wrestling representatives visit campuses and talk to the athletes, pointing out the advantages professional wrestling has to offer. So far wrestling hasn't had to offer the bonuses that other sports do.

There was also evidence at the convention that wrestling and television go hand in hand. Just about every successful promoter has a television show running in conjunction with the matches. I was pleased at the praise given our own television show, Stampede Wrestling. I took some of the prints along and ran them for some of the members. They thought it was one of the finest shows they had ever seen.

Other matters discussed were suspensions — the feeling is that they should be stiffer; referees — a grading system might be introduced; prices — compared to other sports, professional wrestling is under-pricing itself; hall of fame — it's hoped to get one established within the next year; co-operation with promoters abroad — the sport might benefit from a greater exchange of wrestlers; tournaments — it's hoped that tournaments can be devised for each continent.

One interesting point was that all were high in their praise of Dory Funk Jr. I didn't hear one word said against the world champion. It had been hoped he would address the convention, but wrestling commitments prevented him from being there.

I know that wrestling throughout the world will continue to prosper and in my own area with stars like Kurt Von Hess, John Quinn, Black Angus Campbell, Killer Karl Krupp, Bob Lucek, Jon Helton, Carlos Belafonte, Earl Black, Dick Medrano, Frank Butcher, Tiger Tomasso, Dan Babic, Bob Pirie, Bob Pringle, Ed Sullivan, Michel Martel, Abdulla the Butcher, and John Anson, as well as those mentioned earlier. I know that it will prosper during the current season.

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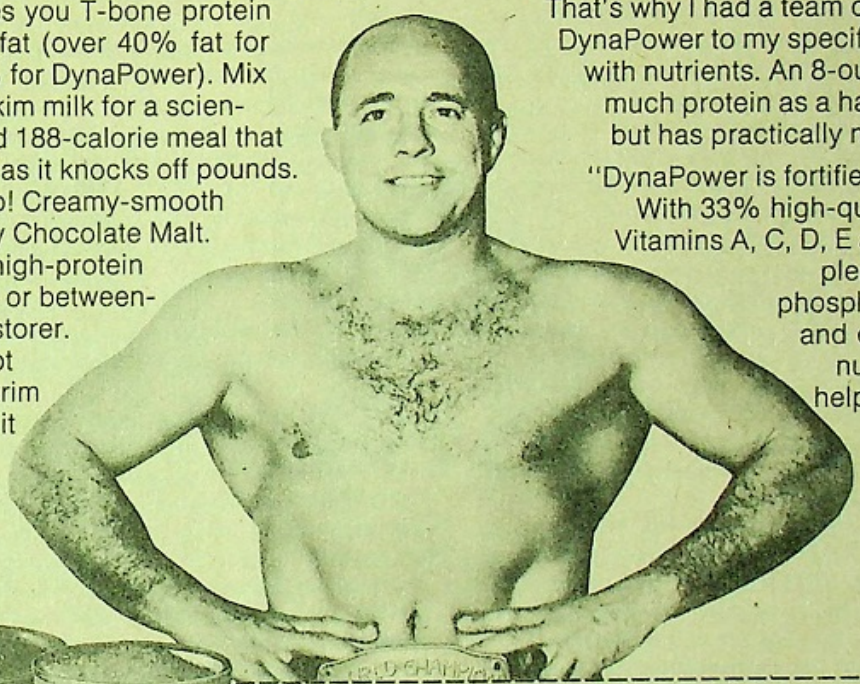

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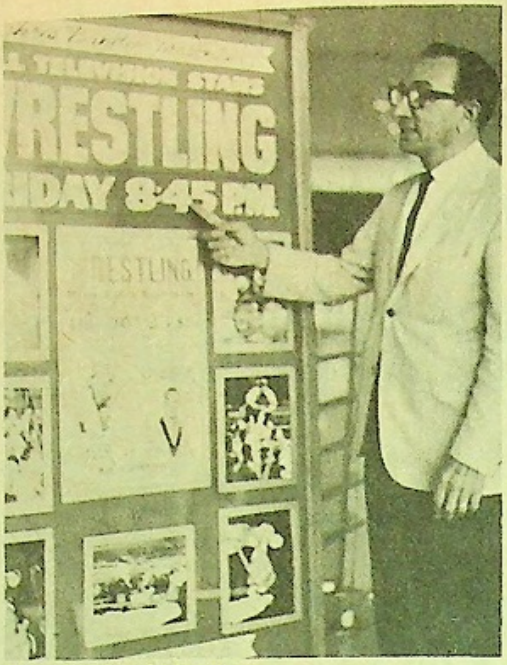

Chris Dundee looks over one of his last wrestling bills in Miami Beach.

by NORMAN H. KIETZER

The world of professional wrestling is one where the stars always receive the top billing and the promoters behind the stars often are ignored by the majority of the fans. We have tried, through our Promoter's Corner, to make these men known to the wrestling public.

At a recent meeting of the Wrestling Writers Association of America I brought up this matter. I suggested that our future Wrestling Hall of Fame contain a section to honor those greats in the promotional end of the sport.

We agreed to expand the hall to do this and to start selecting one member a month in this new category, wrestling executives, and to announce that selection in Wrestling Revue, the sister publication of Wrestling Monthly, starting with the June issue of that publication.

The wrestlers selected are nominated by the W.W.A.A. and then selected by a ballot of the fans, but we felt that since many of the men behind the scenes go unnoticed by the fans it would be best to have them selected by a special committee of W.W.A.A. members.

That committee has yet to be organized, but will be in the next few weeks, at which time the first selection will be made. Meanwhile, in this editorial and for the benefit of the committee, I would like to suggest the names of two promoters who might well be worthy of consideration.

On February 10th of this year wrestling lost one of its most devoted promoters, Mr. Jack Laurence of Portland, Maine. Jack was more than a great wrestling promoter who made Bangor, Portland, and Waterville major wrestling centers. He was a friend of such great stars as Bruno Sammartino, Edouard Carpentier, and so many more. Jack always made sure he had a first class card and a well-run promotion wherever he presented professional wrestling.

I am sure that everyone throughout the wrestling world joined us in expressing our deepest sympathy to his widow, Kathleen, and son Kenneth. Even though he stood only 5'4" and weighed only 140 pounds, in the world of professional wrestling, Jack was one of the biggest promoters.

The second promoter, who recently left the sport, but not this earth, is as well known in our great sport as he is in professional boxing. We are speaking, of course, of Chris Dundee who for many, many years ran weekly wrestling programs at the Miami Beach Convention Hall. Although he may be better known for his boxing promotions, Chris is the first to admit that, "today, wrestling carries boxing."

As promoter host of the 1970 W.F.I.A. convention, he showed the wrestling fans organization just exactly how a well-run promotion can be. Chris Dundee recently lost his lease on the building where he has staged his great shows for so many years.

Chris Dundee may be out as promoter in Miami Beach's Convention Hall, but don't count him out of the promotion picture yet.

Now, on a different subject, we want to assure those many thousands who have written or told us how much they like the Curcuit Close-Ups section of our magazine that we have not discontinued that fine feature. Rather, we have expanded it into a publication all by itself. There is just so much news to cover each month that we didn't have the necessary pages in WRESTLING MONTHLY and so now we are publishing what wrestling has always needed, namely a newspaper called THE WRESTLING NEWS which will feature expanded circuit reports twice a month. By going to the newspaper style we can now offer you more news sooner which is what most of you indicated you wanted.

To close, we want to note that a recent Gallup Poll indicated that wrestling now ranks fourth as the most popular sport in America, right behind the big three of football, baseball, and basketball. When you consider that those other three sports are played in only a few other countries outside North America, and nowhere else on a major league level, then you will understand why wrestling, which is presented on a major league level across the world in almost every country, is without a doubt the most popular professional sport in the world.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT WRESTLING MONTHLY

North American Heavyweight Champion, Bill Watts; Danny Williams, announcer; and Norman Kietzer, WRESTLING MONTHLY editor; on the Championship Wrestling television program.

COWBOY BILL WATTS, THE NORTH AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, ON THE SYNDICATED CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING PROGRAM: "I've known Norman Kietzer for many years and followed WRESTLING MONTHLY magazine since its beginning. It is the finest wrestling magazine I have ever seen and is sold throughout the world. I want to second everything he says about amateur wrestling in his editorial in the March issue. Those of us who have been amateur wrestlers have all suffered because of disagreements among the amateur officials and I think that it is time someone spoke out against some of these people who run amateur wrestling but are more concerned with their own self-glory than with the athletes', who make tremendous sacrifices, since the athletes are supposed to be the primary concern of amateur sports officials.

JOE GARAGIOLA ON N.B.C. SPORTS:

Everything about wrestling is different, even the fan magazines. I'm certainly not going to knock William Shakespeare or Charles Dickens, but when it comes to writing style, too many people overlook wrestling fan magazines. I like wrestling, and I always have. But, if you think that watching wrestling is exciting, well, you ought to sit down with one of those magazines sometime.

There's one called WRESTLING MONTHLY. It included in-depth profiles or wrestling stars, some of the luckiest camera shots you ever saw, and even a comic strip. That's right, a comic strip. The hero is, naturally, a wrestler. He wears a mask, and calls himslef "The Patriot." Now, the one think I would never want to do is spoil the fun by telling you about this month's adventure. However, I would like to tell you a little about our hero.

Joe Garagiola of N.B.C. Sports

It seems that his father was a professional wrestler who was killed in the ring. Now I quote directly from the comic strip. Ready? Quote. "His father left him over a million dollars in wrestling earnings, and the young boy grew up to become a national AAU and NCAA wrestling champ in college. After college he entered pro wrestling as 'The Masked Patriot.' No one knows his true identity. The Patirot's ultimate goal is to remove all evil from professional wrestling. The common man identifies with the red, white and blue masked man in his never ending fight for truth and justice in the professional wrestling ring." Unquote. Can't knock that, right?

About those pictures I mentioned. Like I said, very lucky shots. There's one where the caption describes it by saying, "Our cameraman caught Sputnik Monroe in the act of pulling brass knuckles out of his shoe to use on Jackie Fargo." What a break, huh? Another picture shows the Vachon Brothers — known to their friends as Butcher and Mad Dog — jumping together on a guy named Peeper Gomez. Again, the photographer was lucky. And what a coincidence. Guess who took the picture? The same guy who promoted the match.

Then there's a story about "The Great Mephisto." A real mystery man, that guy. Quote. "Some say he is the son of a sheik who lost all of his wealth in recent wars in the Middle East. There are those who claim he has a large harem back in Syria, and that he means to take the title back to his native country." Unquote. Did you know that Mephisto used to have a partner in tag team wrestling, but they broke up? The reason? The partner objected to Mephisto's use of mysterious fire on their opponents.

That's wrestling's only problem. No team spirit.

SHIRLEY POVICH OF THE WASHINGTON POST IN HIS NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMN: The death of Rudy Dusek, at 70, went little noted, it is sad to relate, until a testimonial to him was offered in Wrestling Monthly, the only magazine of the trade. He was a great wrestler, indeed, and was the oldest of the four famous Dusek Brothers, all wrestlers, who committed such practiced violence they were sometimes called wrestling's riot squad. Rudy Dusek was the chief villain of the Dirty Duseks, who consciously invited the hate of the crowds and consequently was much beloved by the promoters.

READERS FORUM

DOWN WITH MASKS!

Sirs:

After reading the editorial in your November issue, I agree with one of the rules the N.Y.A.C. has established. This rule is the one about not allowing masked wrestlers in New York. Wrestling was fine when the only masked wrestlers were the Destroyer and the Medics. But now, there are thousands of wrestlers who have donned a mask for unknown reason. In just the past few months four wrestlers were unmasked in my area. Many of these wrestlers are the kind which you would call losers.

Is Buffalo governed by the N.Y. Athletic Commission? If so, why are masked wrestlers and women seconds allowed in Buffalo?

Stephen Simmons
Toronto, Canada

JOS LEDUC

JOS LEDUC IS THE STRONGEST!

Sirs:

I want to give you my opinion in Readers' Forum about Mighty Igor in your magazine of January '72 which said he was the strongest wrestler. It is true, he is very strong, but another man is as strong as Igor, and this man is JOS LEDUC from Quebec.

Joe Leduc beat Igor three times, at Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City and I saw the match at Quebec. Jos Leduc is superior to Igor. Why do you not put an article about Leduc, he draw with Sammartino, he is as strong as Sammartino, too. Everybody in Canada calls Jos Leduc a second Ukon Eric, he is the same type as Eric. I hope you will publish my letter.

Claude Brousseau
Quebec, Canada

Amateur girls in action

AMATEUR GIRL CHAMP COMPLAINS

Sirs:

I would like to express my personal opinion. I feel your magazine is super with great coverage on matches. I, however, fail to see any articles on amateur girl wrestlers, like myself, which leaves me disappointed. I have claimed the amateur championship up to 135 pounds and stand undefeated. Hope to soon see articles on us gals. Keep up your good record.

Judy Jones
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(Editor's Note: Turn to page 22.)

WANTS A PLAYOFF

Sirs:

Congratulations on an excellent magazine. Your article entitled "The Championship Puzzle" is one of the best I've ever read. I agree that there should be a playoff for the

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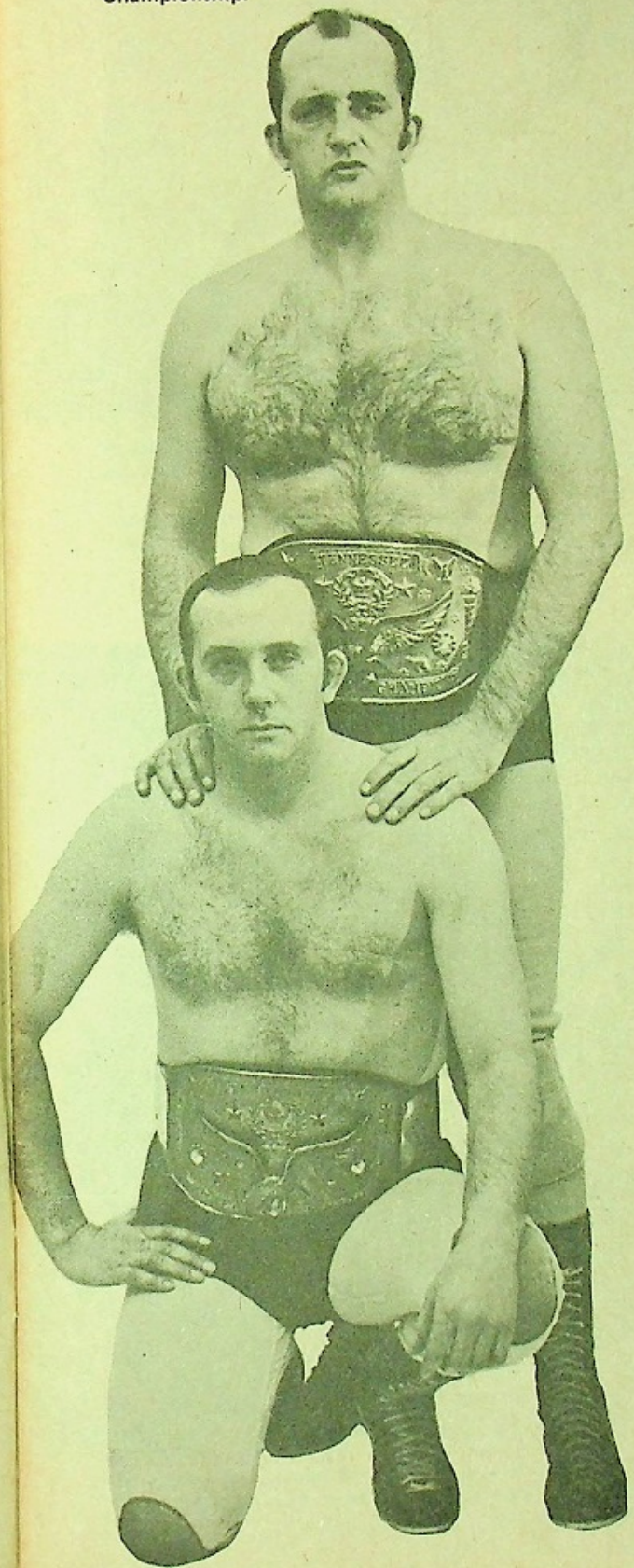
The Wright Brothers, Ron and Don, hold the Tennessee Tag Team Championship.



RUSSIAN CHAIN MATCH: BLOOD

Ron Wright tangles with Whitey Caldwell in Tennessee.

by KIMBERLY THOMAS

Whitey Caldwell roughs up Ron Wright in their brutal chain match as the blood flows freely.

There simply was no other way to settle it. The feud between Ron Wright and Whitey Caldwell, a couple of tough, veteran wrestlers from East Tennessee, had been going on for a long time, and like most feuds in that part of the country, it had grown uglier and more hateful with each incident.

It was obvious that the only way to settle it would be one of the dreaded Russian Chain Matches!

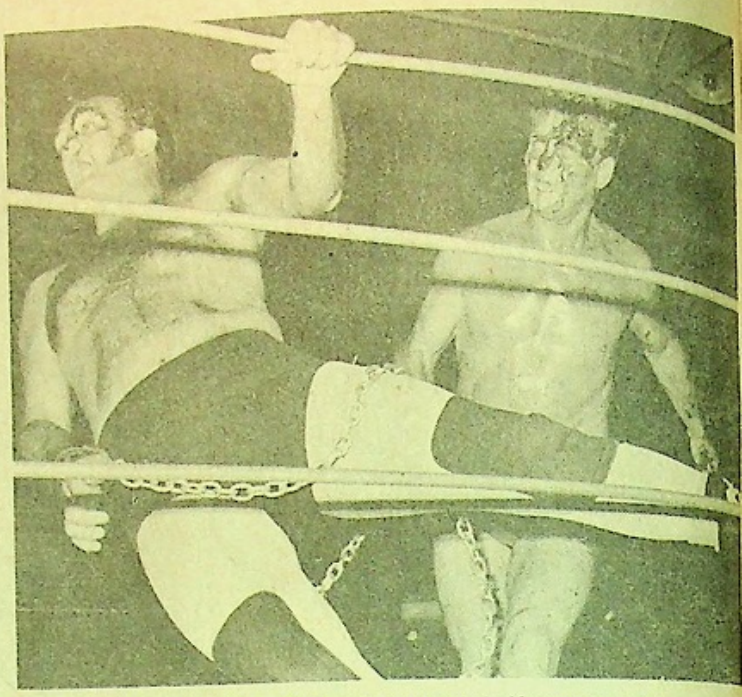
The Russian Chain Match is a particularly rough and brutal form of combat, but none other would do. And so these two rough, proud Tennesseeans fought each other in Knoxville. They fought each other until they almost killed each other, Ron seeking to prove his claim as King of East Tennessee, and Whitey out to prove otherwise.

The mayhem was so incredibly rough that brutal and bloody that the officials finally intervened. . .and lucky they did, or there might have been a murder on their hands.

After the 45-minute fracas, Ron required 148 stitches, and Whitey needed 126.

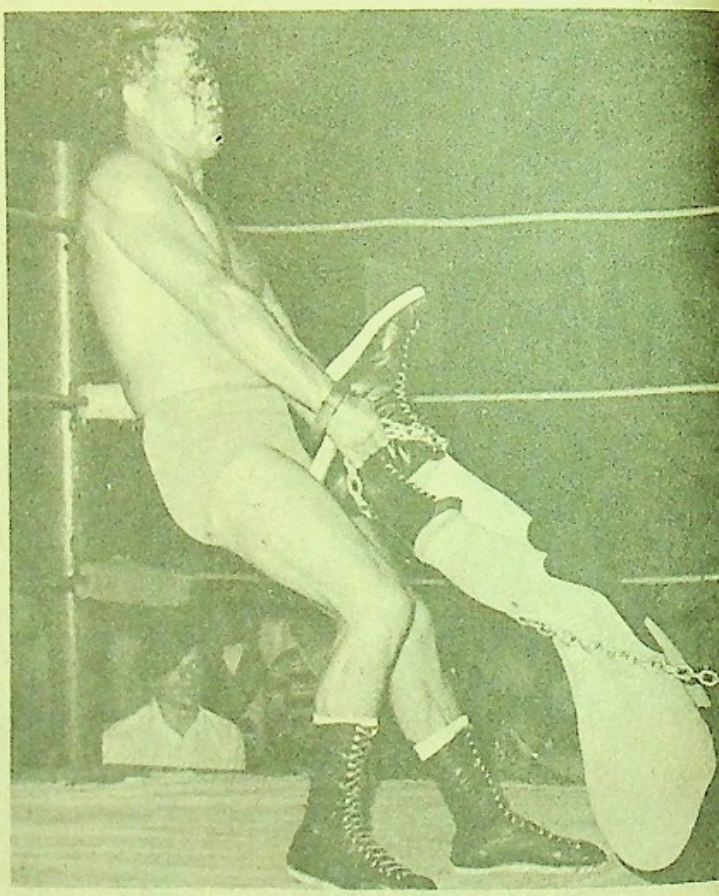
It was a night that none of the fans will ever forget.

Caldwell was covered with blood himself before the night was over. The purpose of the chain may be to keep the two grapplers together, but once the matches start it becomes a brutal weapon.



Ron Wright and Whitey Caldwell are both half senseless at this point in the match. Should such a brutal thing be allowed in professional wrestling?

Ron Wright is calling for his brother Don to come in and help him.



Even the referee was caught by the chain. The weight of two men didn't stop Whitey Caldwell from trying to pull them around the ring.

When the chain is broken loose from one man the other can wrap it around his fist for a super brass knuckle. Ron Wright is doing just that in this case.

The chain can be used to choke an opponent. Whitey Caldwell doesn't appreciate that fact at this time.

LeRoy McGuirk is proud of the Wrestling Monthly Wall Of Fame plaque that now hangs on the wall of his office.

LeRoy McGuirk is the only living member of the Wrestling Hall Of Fame.

LeROY McGUIRK INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Wrestling Monthly's Norman Kietzer Presents Award

by PAT LANGER

Cowboy Bill Watts accepted the plaque from Norman Kietzer as Danny Williams comments on Championship Wrestling. LeRoy was ill and unable to attend the ceremony.

The newest member of the Wrestling Hall of Fame was inducted in ceremonies in Oklahoma City. The man so honored was LeRoy McGuirk, considered by many as the greatest junior heavyweight wrestler of all time. Mr. McGuirk was presented with the award by Norman Kietzer, the president of the Wrestling Writers Association of America, who flew into Oklahoma City from New York to make the presentation.

Thus LeRoy McGuirk joins Frank Gotch, George Hackenschmidt, Gorgeous George, Stanislaus Zbyszko, and Yvon Robert Sr. in the Wrestling Hall of Fame. This makes LeRoy the only living member of the elite body so honored by the sport. Others expected to be named in the near future include Gus Sonnenberg, Strangler Lewis, Jim Londos, Rikidozan, John Pesek Sr., Joe Stecher, Fred Beel, Bert Assirati, The Dusek Brothers, and Bronko Nagurski. A national shrine is also in the future plans of the Hall of Fame, though its location has not yet been set.

Mr. Kietzer, editor of Wrestling Monthly and Wrestling Revue, the two leading international wrestling magazines, stated that "Pound for pound, LeRoy McGuirk was the greatest wrestler in the history of the sport."

LeRoy McGuirk was born Dec. 13, 1912, in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He has a rural farming background. He attended Tulsa Central High School where he was twice state

LeRoy McGuirk is congratulated by Cowboy Bill Watts.

LeRoy McGuirk and World's Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk Jr.

wrestling champion under the coaching of Art Griffith.

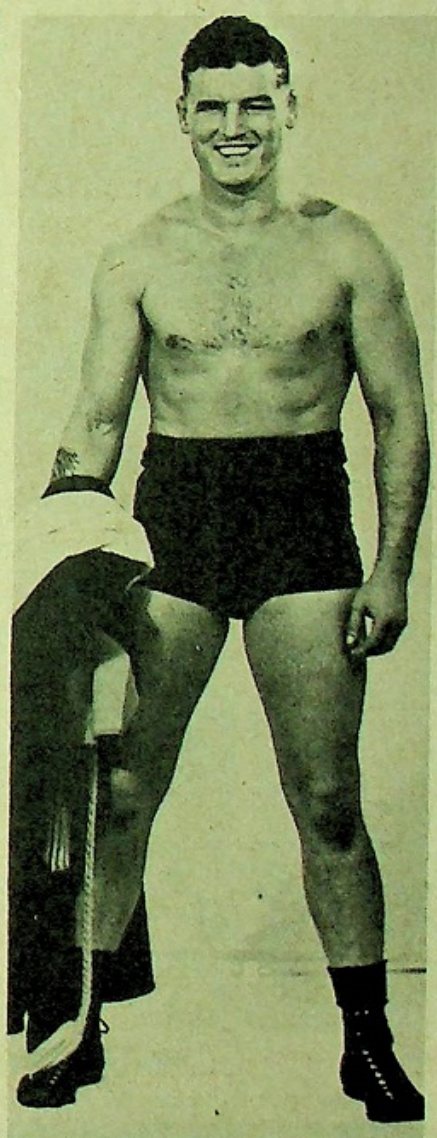
He attended Oklahoma A&M college at Stillwater. Although A&M college is now known as Oklahoma State University, it still holds the record for the most NCAA wrestling championships. Under coach Ed Gallagher's tutledge, LeRoy was NCAA champion at 155-pound class in 1931. In 1932 he moved to the 174-pound class and was second in the nation. While in college he majored in journalism and was the only person to be editor of the college newspaper for four consecutive years.

After turning "pro," McGuirk won the World's Lightheavyweight Championship in 1935. In 1940 he became the World's Junior Heavyweight Champion. This title he held for eleven years. His only defeat came in a car wreck which blinded him in 1951. There was a tournament held to decide the new champion, and this was won by Verne Gagne. This title is now held by Doctor "X".

However, a champion's heart remains the same no matter what the obstacles. McGuirk switched his drive and abilities from the ring to the promotion under the guidance of Sam Avey. His background in journalism became a great asset in writing publicity and meeting the sportswriters and TV people.

Today LeRoy McGuirk is one of wrestling's most successful promoters. He is the matchmaker in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and all of Oklahoma.

Three of wrestling all-time greats — the late Strangler Lewis, LeRoy McGuirk, and Lou Thesz.

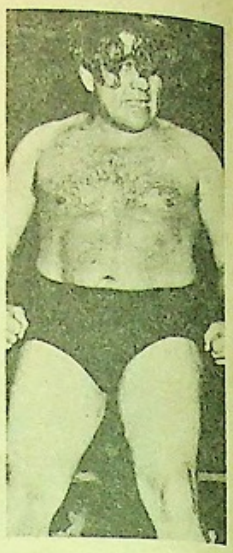


LeRoy McGuirk, back in the days when he was the World's Junior Heavyweight Champion.

Tiny Mills & Stan "Big K" Kowalski – 1960

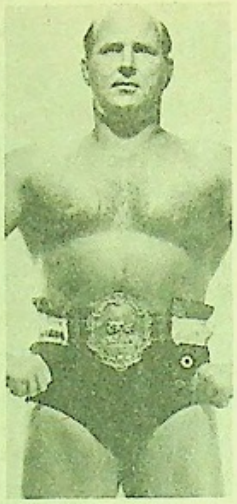
Verne Gagne & Leo Nomellini – 1960

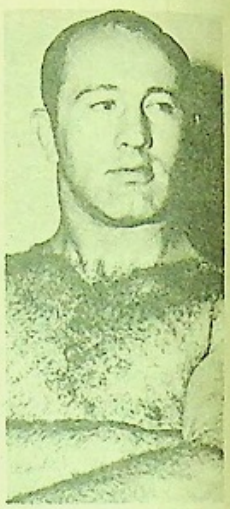
Hard Boiled Haggerty & Len Montana – 1960



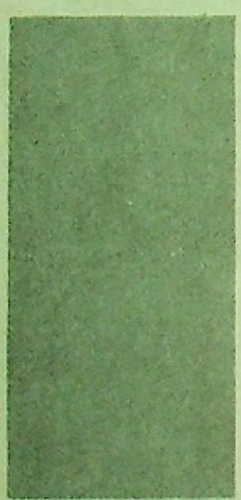
Hard Boiled Haggerty & Gene Kiniski – 1961

Wilbur Snyder & Leo Nomellini - 1961





Hard Boiled Haggerty & Texas Bob Geigel - 1961



Dale Lewis & Bobby Graham – 1961

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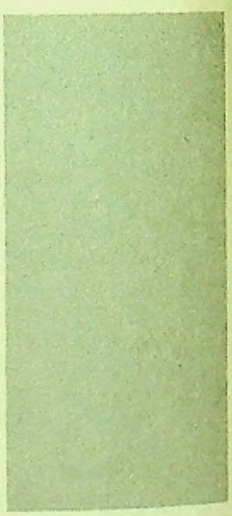


THE HISTORY OF THE A.W.A. WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

AMERICAN WRESTLING ALLIANCE

A.W.A.

The Major League of Professional Wrestling

by JAMES C. MELBY

If you think that the dispute over who is the real World Heavyweight Champion is bad, try to determine who really holds the World's Tag Team Championship. The confusion arises from the fact that the National Wrestling Alliance, the oldest and largest governing body in professional wrestling, does not officially recognize tag team champions. There are various tag teams who claim the National Wrestling Alliance World Tag Team Championship, but in reality their claim is usually supported and recognized by a regional group of promoters who belong to the N.W.A. The end result is that many different regions have so-called N.W.A. World Tag Team Champs, but none of the teams are recognized universally by all the promoters in the National Wrestling Alliance. Another pertinent fact is that these titles usually stay in existence for a couple of years and then drop off for various reasons.

From my research into the various titles in professional wrestling, I can honestly say that there is only one tag team title that has any traceable history and merit, and that is the American Wrestling Alliance World Tag Team Championship. In the rest of this article, I will attempt to prove my point and make the case for the A.W.A. World Tag Team Championship.

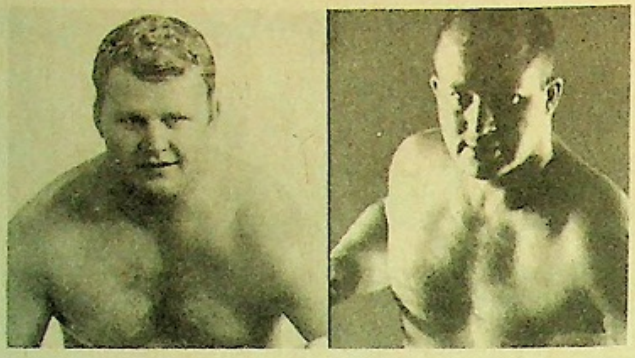
Back in 1959, Tiny Mills and Stan "The Big K" Kowalski formed a tag team known as Murder Inc. While on a tour that included California, Hawaii, Australia, Japan, and the rest of the Orient, they won a title known as International Tag Team Championship. After defeating all teams in defense of their title they returned to their homeland of Minnesota. In Minnesota they continued to hold onto the title turning back such teams as Verne Gagne and Roy McClarty, Butch Levy and Frank Townsend, Gagne and Townsend, and Levy and Bob Rasmussen.

The March 5, 1960, issue of Wrestling Facts, the St. Paul wrestling program, carried a front page cover story announcing that the American Wrestling Alliance awarded the A.W.A. world tag team championship on the virtue of them defeating every team put in their path. I might add at this point that none of the other titles in existence today can be traced back this far. Secondly, I feel that Mills and Kowalski had a very legitimate claim to the title due to the fact that they had wrestled throughout the world.

Mills and Kowalski proved to be even better after being given title recognition. Among the teams that fell before Mills and Kowalski were Hans Schmidt and Hans Hermann, Townsend and McClarty, Townsend and Man Mountain Campbell, Mitsu Arakawa and Hermann, and Leo "The Lion" Nomellini and Joe Scarpello. It appeared that no one would ever come along to defeat them. On July 19, 1960, Mills and Kowalski were to defend their title against Nomellini and Scarpello, but Scarpello was unable to make the match due to an injury received earlier in the week at the hands of Kowalski. Special substitute Verne Gagne was obtained, and the two former Universtiy of Minnesota football stars surprised everyone by defeating Mills and Kowalski and winning the title. But the title reverted back to Tiny and Stan when Gagne and Nomellini lost the title by default when Leo returned to the San Francisco 49'ers to fulfill his professional football contract. Having tasted defeat once, Mills and Kowalski became very determined to hold onto the title and teams like Gagne and Scarpello, and McClarty and Scarpello couldn't change their mind. In August of 1960 the American Wrestling Alliance was formed and Mills and Kowalski were given recognition as that group's first World Tag Team Champions.

On October 4, 1960, Mills and Kowalski's reign as champs came to a close when Hard Boiled Haggerty and Len Montana defeated them in Minneapolis. Kowalski won the first fall over Len Montana with a body slam in 13:50. Len came back to even the score with Kowalski at 4:20 of the second fall. The 3,446 fans in attendance went wild when Haggerty pinned Mills to win the third fall and the title in eight minutes.

Haggerty and Montana proved to be fighting champions and a credit to the title. Besides defending against Mills and Kowalski in numerous rematches, other teams that were given title shots were Joe Scarpello and Pepper Martin, Scarpello and Roy McClarty, Scarpello and Don Eagle, McClarty and Wilbur Snyder, Scarpello and Jim Hady, Snyder and Verne Gagen. Then on



Larry Hennig & Duke Hoffman – 1962

Texas Bob Geigel & Stan "Big K" Kowalski - 1962

March 18, 1961, tragedy struck the team of Haggerty and Montana. Montana, while teamed up in a match with Gene Kiniski against Verne Gagne and Leo Nomellini in St. Paul, received a broken leg and was temporarily forced to retire from wrestling. The A.W.A. allowed Haggerty to chose a new partner and his choice was Kiniski, who had often worked with him and Montana in tag team matches previously.

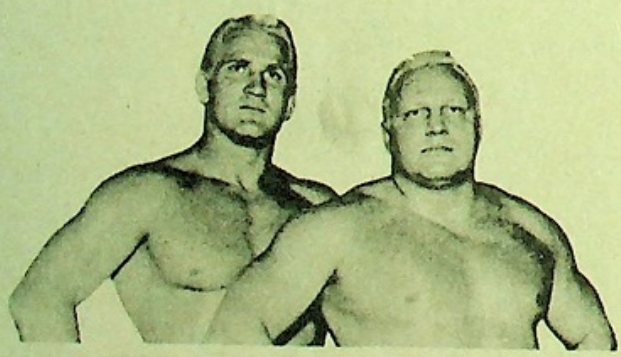
Haggerty continued his winning ways with Kiniski as his partner. Teams that fell before them were Yukon Eric and Tiny Mills and Jim Hady and Tony Baillargeon. But, on May 23, the newly formed team of Snyder and Nomellini overcame Haggerty and Kiniski. However, their reign was short as Haggerty and Kiniski won the title back in a rematch on July 19, in St. Paul.

The team of Haggerty and Kiniski didn't hold their title much longer due to disharmony. On August 8, 1961, Kiniski signed against arch-rival Gagne in a cage match. When things started looking bad for his partner, Haggerty threw a handful of dirt aimed at Gagne, but the wily Minnesota mat star ducked and Kiniski was blinded by his partner's effort. It was an easy matter for Gagne to pin Kiniski and as a result, the team of Kiniski and Haggerty disbanded. After a termendous feud, the A.W.A. decided that the winner of a September 26th St. Paul Death Match between the two ex-partners would have the right to regain the title and choose a new partner. Haggerty, with the help of Bob Geigel, won the match and was naturally Haggerty's new partner.

Haggerty and Geigel looked extremely impressive in defense of their title including a win over Tex McKinzie and Karl (Gotch) Krauser. But in November of 1961 in Rochester, Minnesota, two rookies by the names of Dale Lewis and Bobby Graham upset them to win the tag title.

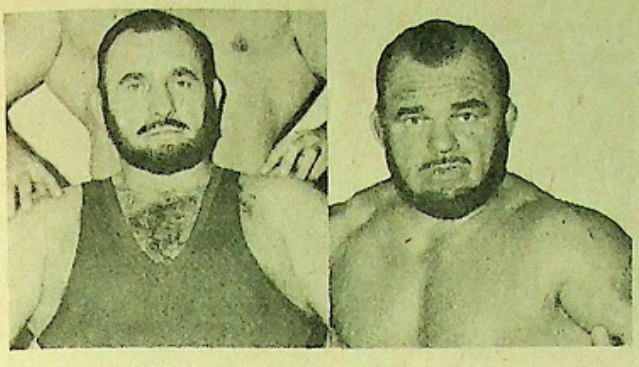
Lewis and Graham held the title for little under a month losing it to Geigel and German matman Otto Von Krupp. When Von Krupp was injured the A.W.A. decided that since there were so many top teams in the area, they would hold a tournament to decide new champions.

Nine teams entered the tournament which was held on January 15, 1962, in St. Paul. Round one action saw Bill and Danny Miller, wrestling as a masked team, defeat Graham and Don Jardine. The second match saw Haggerty and Geigel reunite and defeat Tiny Mills and former professional football star, Wayne Bock. In the third match, Ivan and Nikita Kalmikoff overcame Joe Scarpello and Tony Baillargeon. The fourth match saw former champions Verne Gagne and Leo Nomellini defeat Ripper Roy Collins and Aldo Bogni. In the last match of round one, Haggerty and Geigel were forced to wrestle a second time and they faced Pretty Boy Larry Henning and Duke Hoffman. Hennig and Hoffman pulled an upset, holding the match to a draw, winning the judges' decisions, and advancing to round two. Round two saw the Kalmikoffs defeat Gagne and Nomellini when Gagne was disqualified for hitting the referee. In the other match in round two, Hennig and Hoffman pulled their second upset of the evening by defeating the Miller Brothers when Bill was counted outside the ring. Hennig and Hoffman posted their third upset by defeating the Kalmikoffs to



Stan & Art Neilson – 1962

Dick Steinborn & Doug Gilbert – 1962



Ivan & Karol Kafmikoff – 1963

Dick the Bruiser & The Crusher – 1963

win the tournament and the title.

Hennig and Hoffman had a short reign but were fighting champions. Teams that fell before them were Tiny Mills and Ripper Roy Collins, Collins and Bob Geigel, Mills and Karl VonSchoberg.

On February 13, 1962, in Minneapolis, Geigel and Stan "The Big K" Kowalski lifted the title from Larry and Duke in 32:15. Among teams that Geigel and Kowalski successfully defended against were Hennig and Hoffman in a rematch, old foes Scarpello and Mills, and Scarpello and Dale Lewis.

In April of 1962, blond bombers Art and Stan Neilson defeated Geigel and Kowalski in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Neilsons proved to be one of the greatest teams of all times, defeading their titles in such cities as Detroit, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Omaha, Fort Wayne, and Minneapolis. Among the teams that the Neilson Brothers stopped were George and Sandy Scott, Wilbur Snyder and Bearcat Wright, Kurt and Karl Von Brauner, Dick the Bruiser and Fritz Von Erich, Angelo Poffo and Bronko Lubich, and Bill Miller and Don Leo Jonathan.

While the Neilsons were terrorizing every tag team they faced, two young mat stars by the names of Doug Gilbert and Dick Steniborn formed an unbeatable combination which was known to their fans as Mr. High and Mr. Low. Teams that fell before the smooth working team of Gilbert and Steinborn were Crybaby Cannon and Kurt Von Brauner, Bob Geigel and Rocky Hamilton, Bob Orton and Ivan Zukoff, Von Brauner and Karl Von Schonberg, Hennig and Von Schonberg, and Nicolli and Boris Volkoff. On December 16, 1962, the inevitable happened when Mr. High and Mr. Low beat Art and Stan Neilson to win the world tag team title in 36:20 in St. Paul.

Gilbert and Steinborn had the shortest reign in the history of the title, losing it on January 1, 1963, to Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff in Minneapolis. The Kalmikoffs proved to be the greatest team to ever hold the title. Although a complete list of teams they defended against would be almost impossible to compile, some of them were Rocky Hamilton and Pretty Boy Larry Hennig, Doug Gilbert and Moose Evans, Evans and Dick Steinborn, Hercules Cortez and Evans, Cortez and Steinborn, Gilbert and Joe Scarpello, The Crusher and Hamilton, Hennig and Tiny Mills, Mills and Butch Levy, Verne Gagne and Gilbert, Gilbert and Don McClarty, Mills and Kowalski, and Levy and McClarty. The Russian brothers were the most hated tag team to ever hold the title.

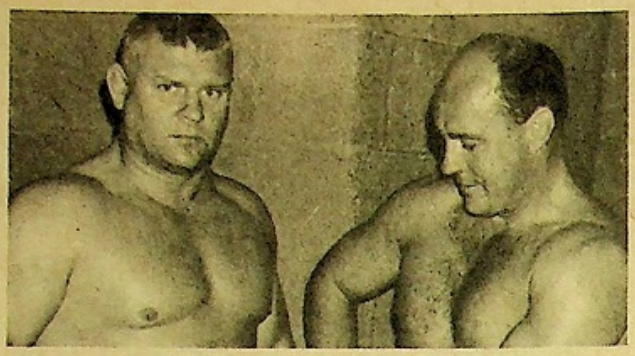
On August 20, 1963, the brothers from Rustov, Russia, finally met their Waterloo. In a Minneapolis main event, the Crusher teamed up with his cousin, Dick the Bruiser, to win the title and the match. Crusher and Bruiser proved to be good champions, retaining their title against the Kalmikoffs in two rematches, plus a wild win over Pat O'Connor and Bill Miller in Winnipeg.

On February 9, 1964, the team of Verne Gagne and Moose Evans pulled an upset by defeating the beer-drinking cousins in Minneapolis. A February 23 rematch in St. Paul saw Crusher and Bruiser come back strong and rewin the title.

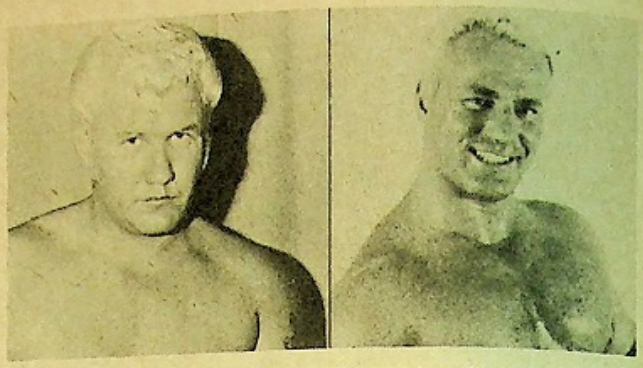
By fall of 1964, Bruiser and Crusher still remained supreme on the tag team scene. But, it

Verne Gagne & Moose Evans – 1964

Pretty Boy Larry Hennig & Handsome Harley Race – 1965



The Crusher & Verne Gagne – 1965



Handsome Harley Race & Chris Markoff – 1967

was at this time that Pretty Boy Larry Hennig and Handsome Harley Race united and started defeating everyone set in front of them. Among the teams that fell before Larry and Harley were Cowboy Jack Lanza and the late Larry Chene, Rene Goulet and Reggie Parks, Lanza and Goulet, Lanza and Wilbur Snyder, Parks and Bob Boyer, Sailor Art Thomas and Bob Geigel, Boyer and the late George Drake, Igor Vodik and Ivan Kalmikoff, and Parks and Verne Gagne.

On January 17, 1965, St. Paul promoter Eddie Williams scooped the wrestling world by signing Crusher and Bruiser to defend their title against Hennig and Race in St. Paul with a special referee, Tiny Mills. 10,933 fans showed for the match, with thousands turned away in the below-zero weather. After each team had won a fall, referee Mills was injured, and had to be carried to the dressing room. The man who was chosed to replace him as referee in the third fall was none other than Verne Gagne. In a wild climax that saw Gagne literally KOing Larry Hennig, Crusher and Bruiser retained the title. But Hennig and Race had the last laugh, as a January 30 rematch in Minneapolis saw them capture the title.

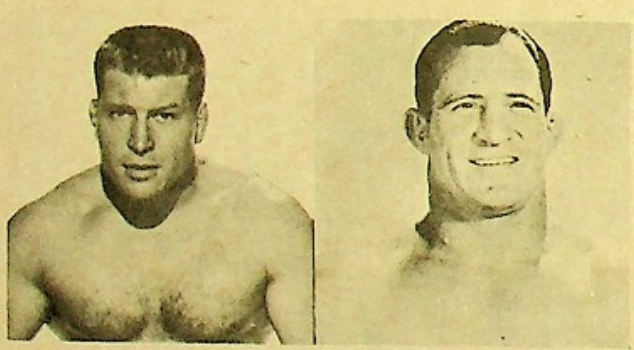
Hennig and Race, while champions, defeated teams like Vodik and Kalmikoff, Crusher and The Great Dane, Rene Goulet and Eddie Sharkey, and Goulet and Tex McKenzie. But on July 24 in Minneapolis Gagne and Crusher defeated the arrogant pair before 8.100 happy fans. But, the title change didn't last long. Hennig and Race won the title back in an August 7 rematch in Minneapolis which found both Race and Crusher covered in blood.

With the title once more in their grasp, Hennig and Race seemed better than ever. Among the teams they defeated while holding the title for a second time were Cowboy Bob Ellis and Tex McKenzie, Crusher and Igor Vodik, Crusher and Ellis, Vodik and Larry Heiniemi, Jack Pesek and Ivan Kalmikoff, Gagne and Vodik, Dale Lewis and Heiniemi, Lewis and Parks, but May 28, 1966, found them losing to old rivals Crusher and Bruiser in Minneapolis.

Crusher and Bruiser were successful in defending the title against Jay "The Alaskan" York and Stan "Big K" Kowalski, Hennig and Mad Dog Vachone, and The Alaskan and Killer Kowalski. But January 6, 1967, once again found Hennig and Race turning the tables on Bruiser and Crusher and winning the title in a wild match held in Chicago.

Hennig and Race once again seemed to have gained their old momentum and were able to defeat teams like The Alaskan and Big K, Doug Gilbert and Reggie Parks, Ernie Ladd and Earl Maynard, Wilbur Snyder and Dale Lewis, and Lou Thesz and Rene Goulet. it looked like Hennig and Race had found the true secret to tag team success and would go on forever. But during a singles match against Verne Gagne in Winnipeg, Hennig received a broken leg and was forced to forfeit his half of the title. The A.W.A. allowed Race to choose Chris Markoff as his new tag team partner, but they were soon defeated by Wilbur Snyder and Pat O'Connor on November 10, 1967, in Chicago.

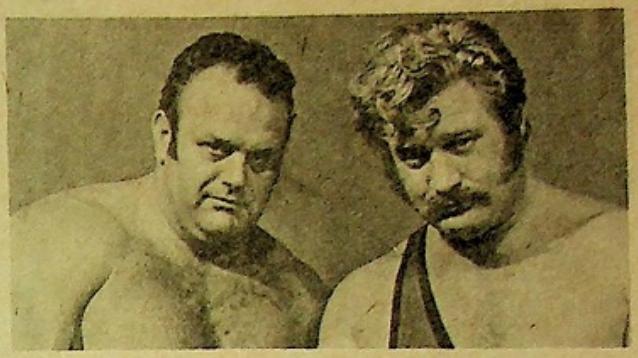
Snyder and O'Connor held the title for a very short time, losing it to Mitsu Arakawa and Dr. Moto in Chicago on December 2,



Wilbur Snyder & Pat O'Connor – 1967

Dr. Moto & Mitsu Arakawa – 1967

Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon — 1969



Hercules Cortez & Red Bastien — 1971

1967. The colorful Japanese team held the title for little over a year and successfully retained it against teams like Billy Red Lyons and Frankie Laine, Cowboy Bill Watts and Rock Rogowski, Igor Vodik and Luke Borwn, and Watts and Snyder.

Dick the Bruiser and The Crusher became the A.W.A. World Tag Team Champions for the fourth time in their career when they defeated Arakawa and Moto in Chicago on December 28, 1968. Their top contenders and their biggest feud were the Chain Gang, also known as Jack and Frank Dillinger. Bruiser and Crusher overcame their scruffy looking opponents and all other challengers until August 30, 1969, when they were defeated by Maurice "Mad Dog" and Paul "The Butcher" Vachon in Chicago.

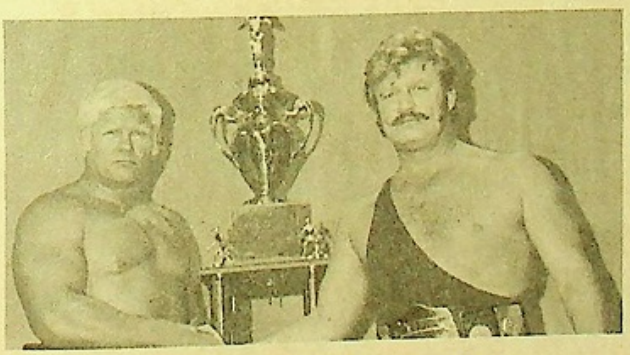
The Vachon Brothers, even though they were extremely hated, would have to be given credit as one of the best teams to ever hold the title. Among the teams they successfully defended the title to were Wilbur Snyder and Pat O'Connor, Red Bastien and Billy Red Lyons, Cowboy Bill Watts and Man Mountain Mike, The Crusher and Ed Carpentier, Verne Gagne and Haystacks Calhoun, Pepper Gomez and Red Bastien, Pretty Boy Larry Hennig and Luscious Lars Anderson, and Bull Bullinski and Paul Diamond.

But after holding the title for almost two years, the Vachons were finally defeated by Red Bastien and Hercules Cortez in Milwaukee on May 15, 1971, before 10,297 happy fans. Mad Dog won the first fall in 9:15 after giving Bastien three pile-drivers and a body press. Cortez came back to take the second fall over Butcher with a one arm back-breaker and a body press in 2:12. Bastien brought the title to his team when he forced Mad Dog to concede with an abdominal stretch in 4:10.

Bastien and Cortez proved to be great champions, defending their title against teams like Pretty Boy Larry Hennig and Luscious Lars Anderson, and Strong Kobayashi and Stan "The Big K" Kowalski. Just as their careers were at a height, fate took a bad turn. After werstling in Winnipeg on July 23, 1971, they were involved in a car crash near St. Cloud, Minnesota, which proved to be fatal for the beloved Spanish strong man.

The A.W.A. allowed Red Bastien to choose a new partner, and his choice was none other than The Crusher, the man who made Milwaukee famous. Crusher and Bastien have proved to be a unique team in that they combine two different styles, Bastien's scientific wrestling knowledge and Crusher's rough and ready mat tactics. At the time of this writing, no one had even come close to defeating the popular twosome. But the list of their challengers is very impressive. Among the teams currently working under the A.W.A. banner are Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens, Pretty Boy Larry Hennig and Luscious Lars Anderson, Baron Von Raschke and Hans Schmidt, Bill and Danny Miller, Ivan Koloff and Stan "The Big K" Kowalski, Billy Robinson and Don Muraco, Doctor X and Double X, Ox Baker and The Great Dusatsu, and Reggie Parks and Stan Pulaski.

Just as we go to press the wrestling world is shocked by the news that Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel have teamed to win the title by defeating The Crusher and Red Bastien in Denver, Colorado.



Red Bastien & The Crusher — 1971

Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens — 1972

The girls pose with Dr. Dvorkin. It is L-R,Jerri, Jo, Dr. D., Nancy, and Dixie.

THOSE AMATEUR GALS ARE BACK AGAIN...

Another chapter in the continuing tale of those lovely from California...

by AL LEWIS

The girls again without Dr. D. It is Jerri Nancy, Jo, and Dixie.

Few features that have appeared in our sister publication, WRESTLING REVUE, have received as much attention from our readers as the picture stories on those lovely amateur girl wrestlers of Dr. Ron Dvorkin from sunny Southern California.

Just let a few issues go by without a story on the gals and we are bombarded with mail asking for more stories on them, especially the letters ask for more pictures of "Dixie", the blonde bomber who is the champion of the group. So, we decided to let WRESTLING MONTHLY get into the act.

This story not only features "Dixie", but also introduces three young lassies who we are sure will become your favorites.

For those of you who have not met her before, we shall tell you a bit about Dixie. She is a well-stacked five-foot-four with a whistle-bait figure and a beauty queen face. When you meet her she is 100 percent gal, feminine, soft and quiet. But once she gets into action — WOW! A real she-cat, a strong, smart grappler who can hold her own against anyone.

The newcomers are Jerri, Jo and Nancy. Jerri, is a pert brunette who stands five-feet-six and wieghs in at a curvey one hundred fifteen pounds. A real diehard competitor who is always giving her all, she works as a secretary.

Jo, who is five-feet-five, is a slender gal who has surprising strength. A college student, she comes from France and has that French sparkle.

Last but far from least is Nancy, a real sexy blonde who stands five-feet-six. She won't tell her weight, saying she is too heavy, but to our eye those curves are just right.

So there you are — a rundown on the four gals. Now, on with the matches: Dixie vs. Jo, and Jerri vs. Nancy.

Dixie and Jo have at it, while the other girls relax. (They are supposed to be spotting the walls in case someone goes flying into them.)

Dixie with a good full nelson on Jo. Notice how thrilled Nancy is by it all.

Jo makes Dixie grimace with an arm stretch. Again Nancy cheers them on.

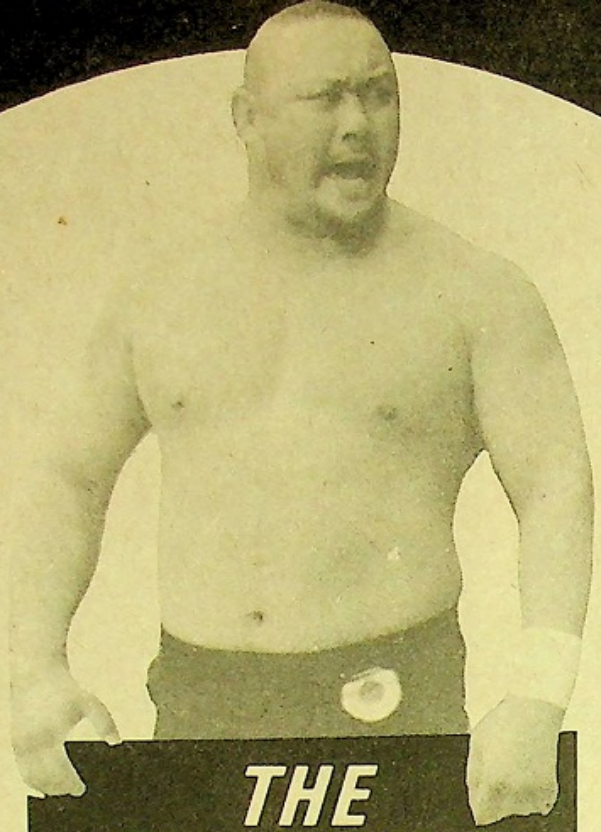
There is our old friend Dr. Dvorkin raising Dixie's hand.

Now it is Nancy vs Jerri. It is the pretty blonde on the bottom while the two resting girls have their own conservation.

Jerri with a figure four headscissors on the bridging Nancy. That one has got to hurt the poor kid. Even Dixie looks impressed.

Nancy pinning Jerri flat with a Grapevine and body press.

Dr. Dvorkin raising Nancy's hand. Would you say that that girl likes me? I am not talking, but Nancy is one of my favorites.

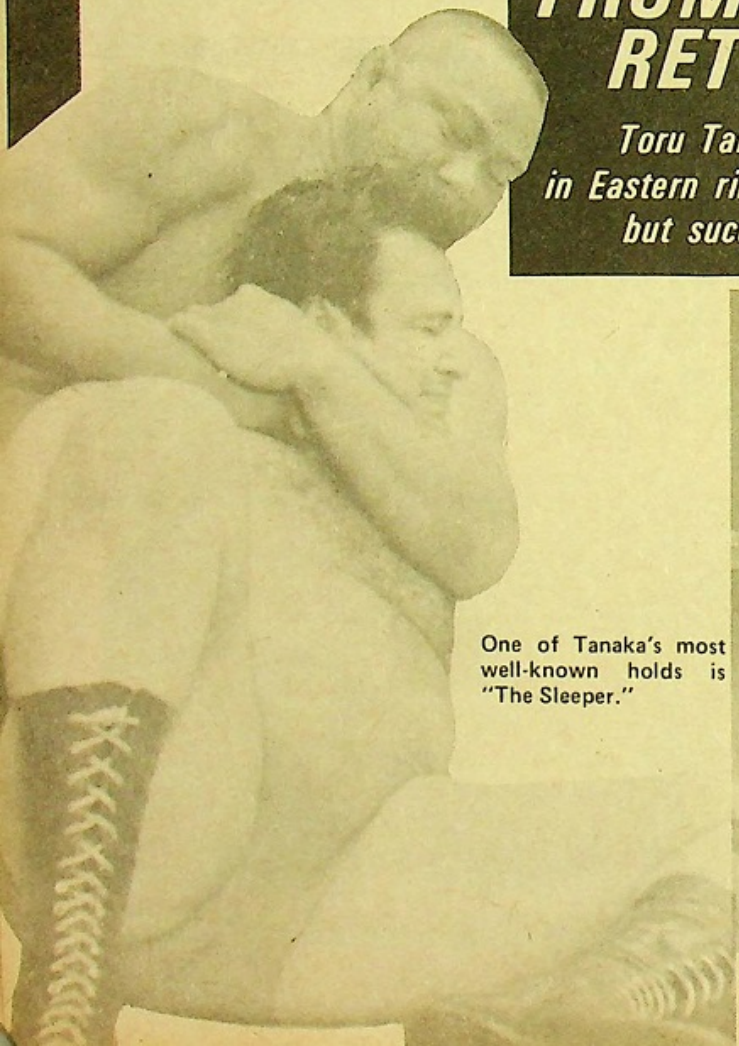


Toru Tanaka is one of the greatest Japanese wrestling stars that has ever come to the U.S.

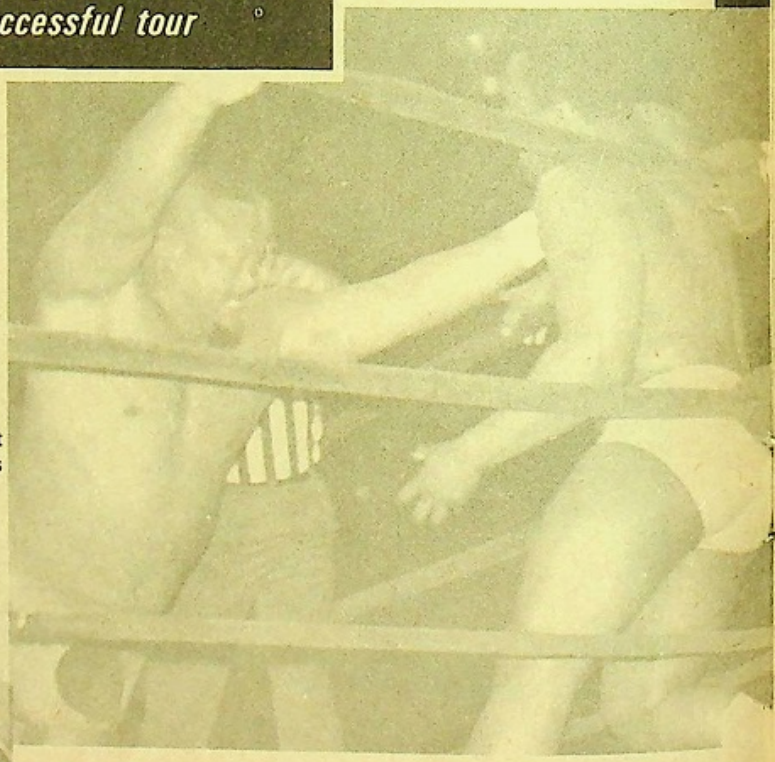
THE GENTLEMAN FROM JAPAN RETURNS

Toru Tanaka is back in Eastern rings after a short but successful tour

Tanaka likes to keep his opponents at his mercy as you can see in this picture.



One of Tanaka's most well-known holds is "The Sleeper."



by WALT ZGODA
& C.J.A. KLIMAS

One of the greatest Japanese wrestlers to ever come to the U.S., is Prof. Toru Tanaka. Since coming to the U.S. several years ago, Toru Tanaka has kept himself in the top contender's spot. When he is billed on a card, you can be sure you're in for action galore.

This Japanese Terror was probably one of the outstanding contenders to ever face ex-champion Bruno Sammartino. Several meetings between these two grappling giants are controversial, even to this day.

After finishing a successful tour, Tanaka has returned to the Eastern rings. This ferocious Oriental is looking forward to locking arms with the W.W.W.F. Heavyweight Champion, Pedro Morales.

If they do clash, one thing is obvious, it won't be any picnic. Tanaka is a ferocious character. He'll use any trick in the book to win the match. This awesome Oriental has more tricks than a magician. He always seems to come up with a few stunts to give him the advantage. Tanaka will make a rugged foe for Pedro Morales.

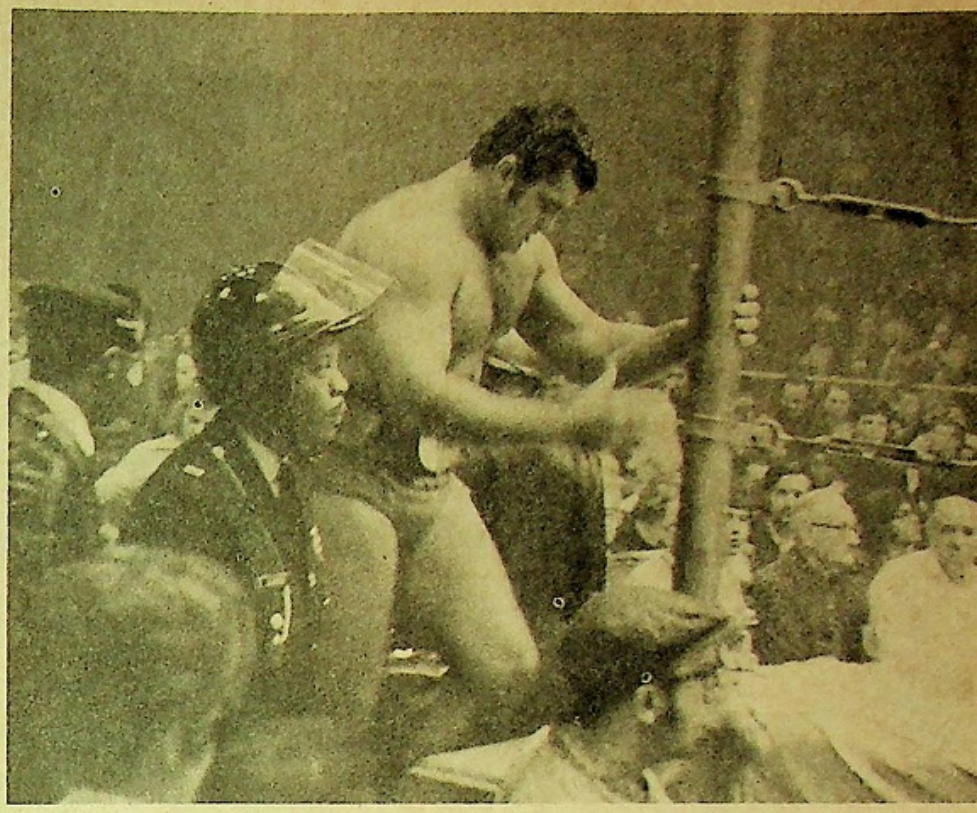
Tanaka has unusual power, size, speed, and endurance. He is able to cope with any situation, either with his wrestling skill or his Karate and Judo techinques.

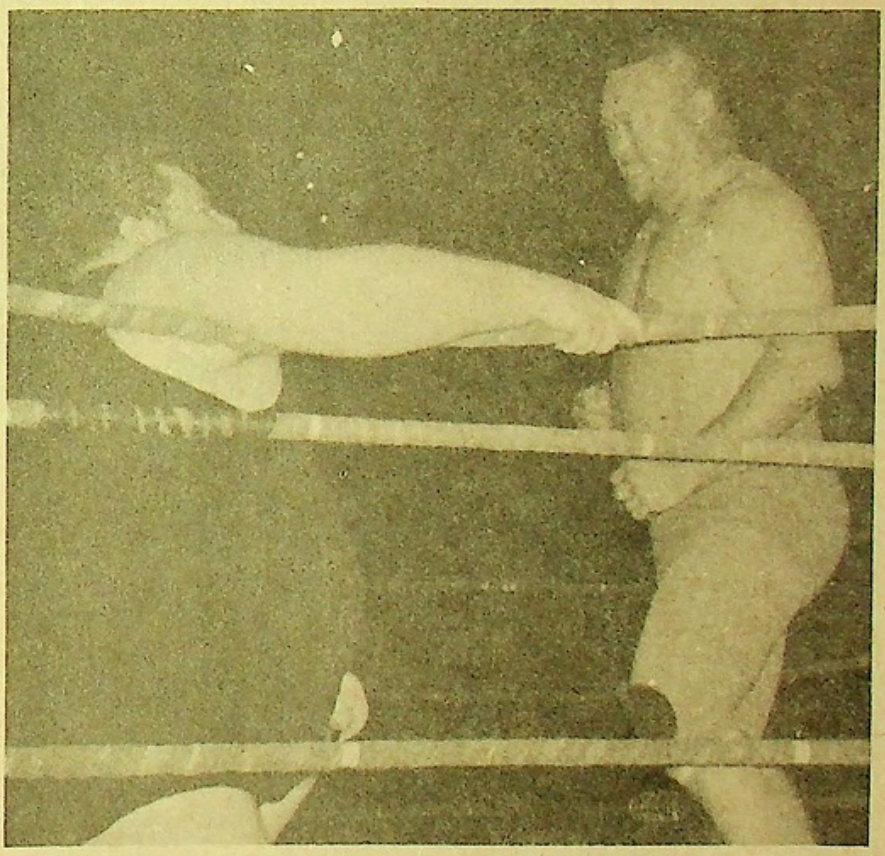
Toru is noted for his nerve holds. They are very punishing and once applied, his foes are at his mercy.

He has defeated more top grapplers than you could shake a stick at. His unusual skills has brought him victories over Bruno Sammartino, Killer Kowalski, Antonio Pugliese, Baron Scicluna, and Crybaby Cannon, just to name a few.

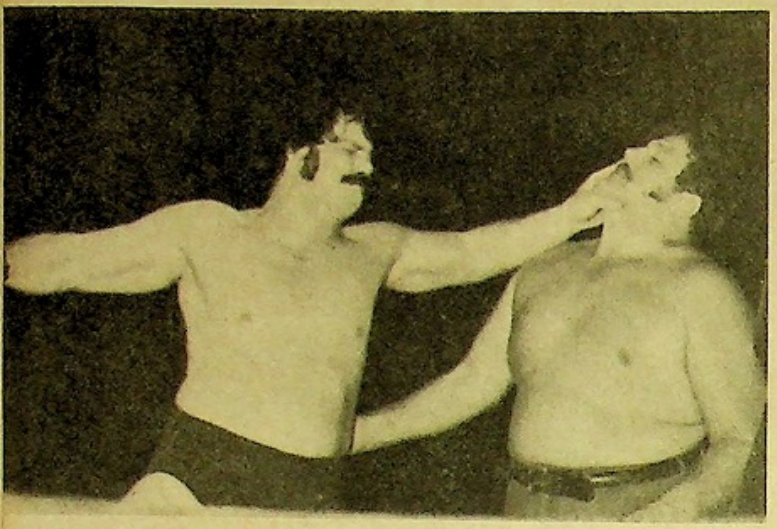
Tanaka is willing to swap holds with anyone who dares to try him. He is always at peak condition, and is ready to climb into the ring against anyone.

The gentleman from Japan has a goal, which is the W.W.W.F. Championship. There is one obstacle in his path, and that's Morales. I'm sure that this crafty Oriental will do his best to strip Morales of his crown.

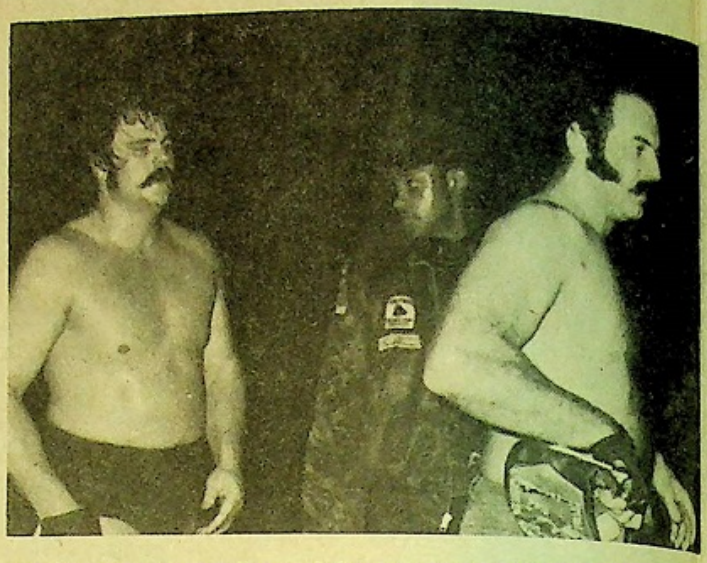




Here Tanaka challenges Crybaby Cannon, to get up off his knees and fight.



The Giant Mulligan lashes a hard blow to Moose Cholak. Both have the power and strength of true champions.

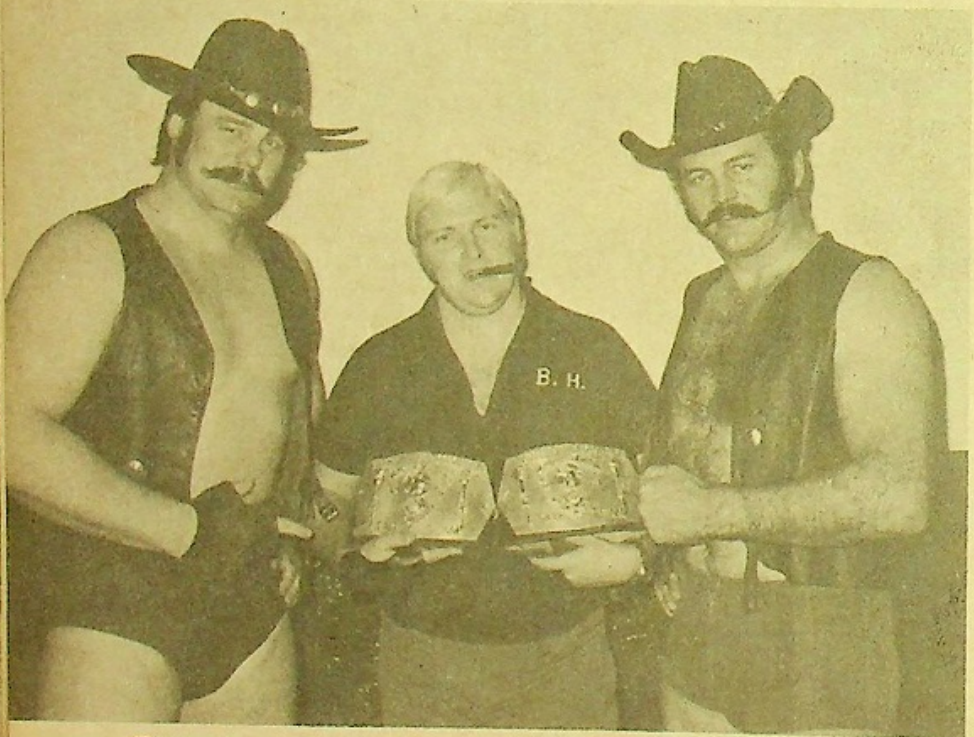


A police escort is usually needed to protect the Blackjacks from getting to any fans rather than the fans from getting to them.

BOBBY HEENAN'S PAIR OF ACES

THE BLACK JACKS - MULLIGAN AND LANZA

by DAVE BURZYNSKI



These championship belts are only a stepping stone to greater things, tells manager Bobby Heenan.

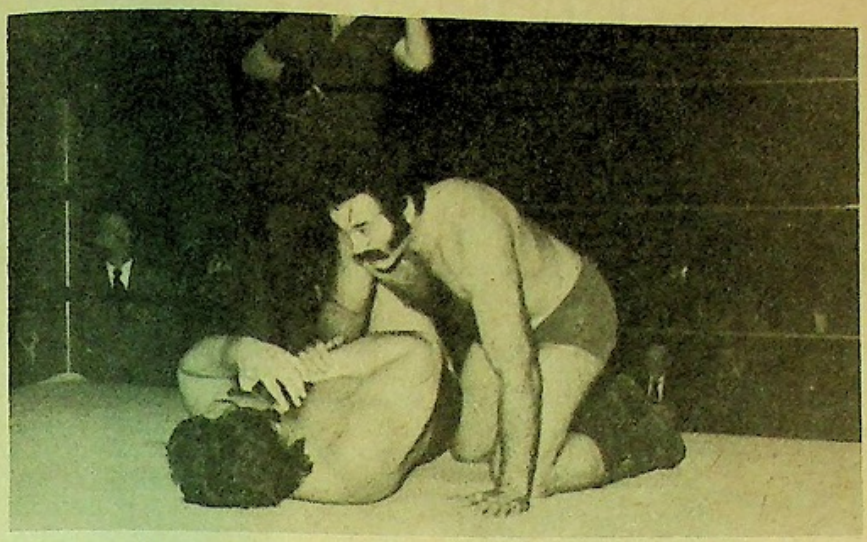
Can you imagine what would happen if two world powers such as China and Russia ever joined forced? The world would be helpless to stop their dictatorship.

Or if two great killers such as Dillinger and Capone had ever decided to join their devilish deeds? People would be sitting ducks.

But can you, fans, picture the two greatest villains in wrestling, Black Jack Lanza and Black Jack Mulligan, joining as partners? Surely this would form the most dangerous duo in professional wrestling. Well, wrestlers and fans, beware: the Black Jacks have joined forces and are out to demolish every team that enters their path.

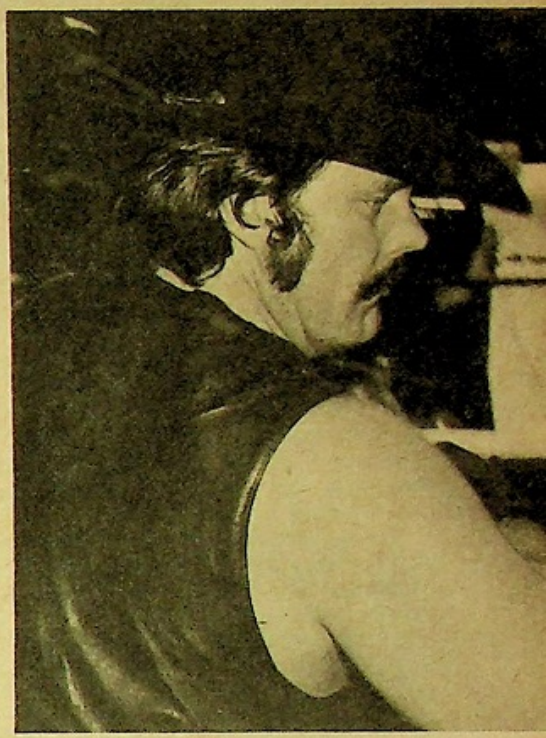
Yes, the dream team (nightmare team?) that everyone dreaded to think about has finally come to be. A team with the size, strength, ability, and brain power that will surely make it the most feared team that wrestling has ever seen.

The partnership came about a number of months ago. The world's "Most Beautiful Manager," Pretty Boy Bobby Heenan, while managing his

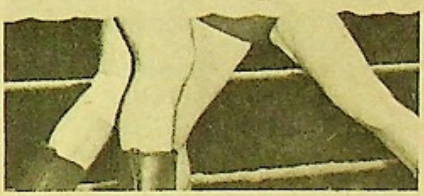


Heenan claims that foul tactics by their opponents caused them to lose the fall.

Black Jack Mulligan sits down at ringside for a rest and also to assist the television announcer in pointing out the flaws of his future opponents.



Black Jack Lanza has a powerful headlock on his opponent for this match. Lanza can use legitimate holds but is more likely to go for the rough stuff.



The team every wrestler fears and every fan loves. They are united to get rid of unworthy competition.

protege, Black Jack Lanza, saw the name of Mulligan headlining all main event cards on the East Coast. Mr. Heenan was advised that Mulligan was the only undefeated wrestler on the Eastern circuit.

So, with his most intelligent mind, Mr. Heenan had a brainstorm. Teaming the two Black Jacks. So, along with his man Lanza, Mr. Heenan travelled to New York to talk to Mr. Mulligan in hopes of gaining a partnership deal.

They talked over matters in every respect, looking at each man's undefeated records, and agreed on the merger. They figured to be an unbeataqle tag team. So, the team of Lanza and Mulligan came to be.

There first booking took them to Indianapolis in June of 1971, against Wilbur Snyder and Bobo Brazil. As Mr. Lanza put it, "It was never a match to begin with. They just weren't what we call competition. We punished these two so bad that before the bout was over, they were on their knees, begging that we let up. And being the gentlemen we are, we finished them off so they wouldn't have to suffer. We don't like to see grown men cry."

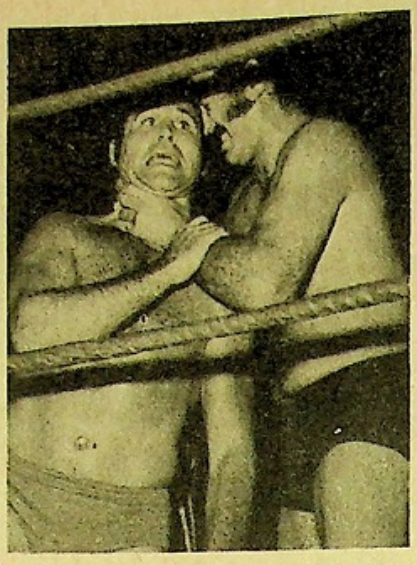
In almost a year's work together, the Black Jacks have disposed of every type of

competition. They travel to every part of the United States just to show the people what to expect every time they appear.

They have turned back almost every team in wrestling today. Bruiser & Thomas, Snyder & Christy and such others. Ther basic format is to be 200 percent active and to follow their motto at all times: "Never let up." And they keep this promise, as they nearly pulverize every team they face.

Currently, they hold the W.W.A. Tag Team Title. They became the new kingpins by defeating Wilbur Snyder and Paul Christy in Detroit a few months ago. Accompanied by their magnificent manager, they easily removed the title from Snyder and Christy by defeating them two out of three falls in less than 20 minutes. They made up for a previous disqualification they received for punishing Snyder and Christy so badly.

Since gaining the belts, they have not faced any sort of worthy competition. Mulligan says: "We have beat every team that we have faced to this date, keeping us as the only undefeated team in wrestling. But to this date has any team come close to gaining our respect as a true competitor? No! We just hope that one of these days, we will come to face a team that we can honestly say give us even a little trouble. But as long as we are the champs, this moment will probably never come to be."



Black Jack Lanza has his famous choke hold on Paul Diamond during an action-filled match in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Free time is a sin to these two giants of the mat. Every day is spent either in training or planning the strategy for their next match. They are always in 100 percent top condition. If there were a title for size, strength, ability all in one category, these two would have to share the honors.

A little background on both men. Lanza, who stands 6'5" and weighs 270, hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He began his career back in high school and went through college on the wrestling team with flying colors, being ranked as the best in the history of the University of New Mexico. He entered the pro game over five years ago and faced Joe Blanchard in his mat debut. As Lanza tells it: "I beat this guy so bad that he is still in the hospital in Texas with a broken arm and leg." When asked why he entered the sport, he said he loved to hurt people and the pay is fantastic.

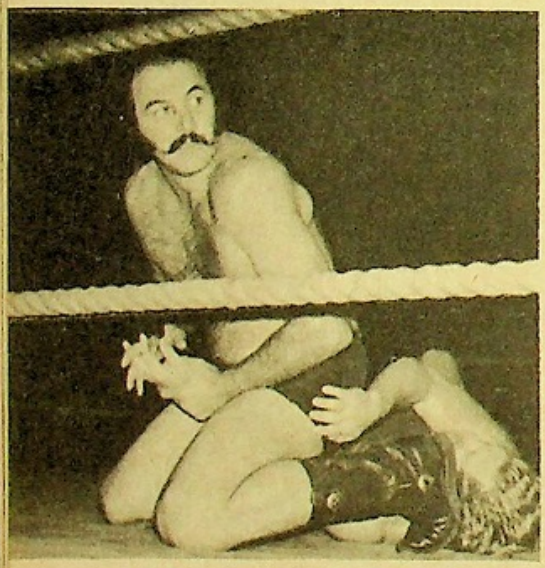
Mulligan also started wrestling in high school and also excelled at the Universtiy of Texas. In his debut match in the pro ranks, he defeated Bob Geigel in Winnipeg. His reason for entering the game: "I've always enjoyed contact sports and have always been a great athlete. So, when I was given a good money offer, I decided to put my talents into a profession."

In their wrestling ability, both have to be considered as true greats. Among their favorite holds are the pile driver, cobra clutch, the claw, but, as Mulligan said, "We are just so great, we really don't have any favorite holds. We are gifted with such talent that we can do everything, and do it better than anybody else. There isn't a thing we can't do. We have to have the greatest variety of holds than any 100 wrestlers can put together."

The Black Jacks aren't what you would consider fan favorites. There isn't a time when a fan doesn't try to get at them in rage, and hurt them in some way. Lanza says, "We are not paid to worry about the fans. We get into the ring, wrestle, win, and leave. That's all there is to it. We can't help it that we beat our opponents so bad that their relatives have to take it out on us. If they can't take it, let them go into making baby rattles or something. But these fans are just going to have to learn to love us because deep down they know they love us and as long as we are the champs, we will keep winning."

Still undefeated as a team, the Black Jacks have to be ranked as the top team professional wrestling has ever seen. Proclaimed Pretty Boy Bobby: "Our only goal is to remain the undisputed Tag Team Champions of the world, and we dare anybody who is foolish enough to try and take the title from us. With my brains, I will guide my boys to every possible championship there is and maybe make up our own as the greatest Tag Team and Manager. And anybody who dares challenge us, just contact me, and I'll arrange a match for you. And after I do that, I will also arrange a room for you for a permanent stay at the local hospital. And by the time we get done with every team in the business, we'll have them calling us the Greatest Tag Team."

All I can say is that I agree wholeheartedly with the statements of Pretty Boy and his proteges. A team with this size, ability, speed and knowledge of the sport, deserve my vote for the greatest in wrestling. And to all wrestlers, beware. I pity anybody who is foolish enough to step into the path of these two giants of the mat wars.



Here the crafty Lanza spreads the fingers of Red Bastien while the referee is at a bad angle and cannot see the illegal move.

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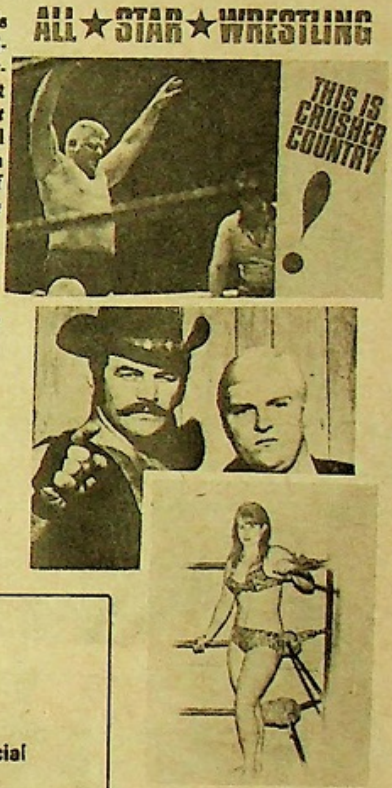

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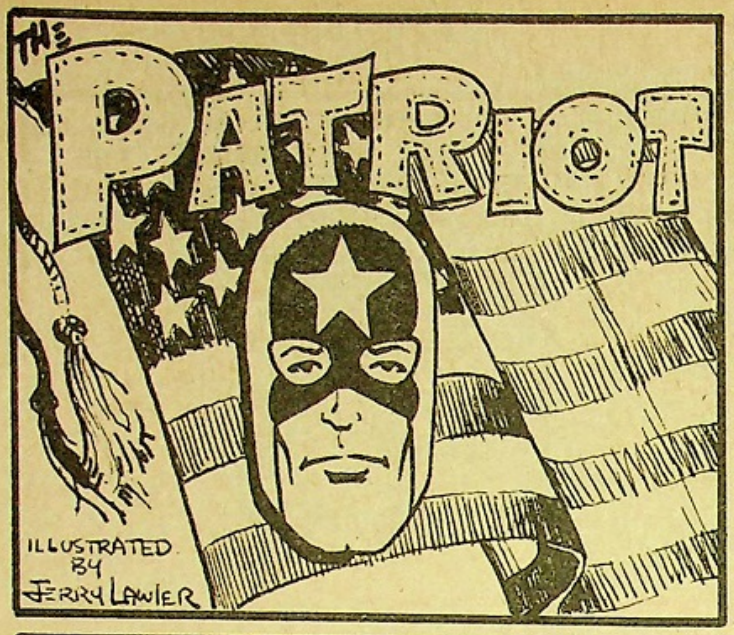
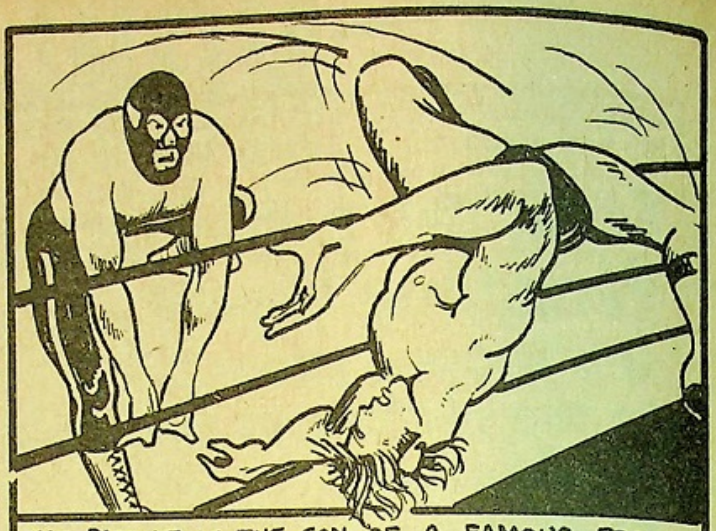
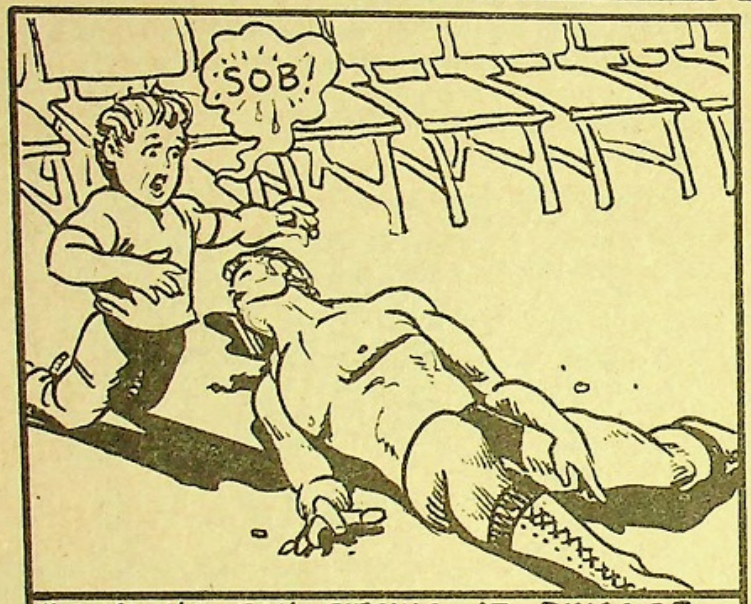


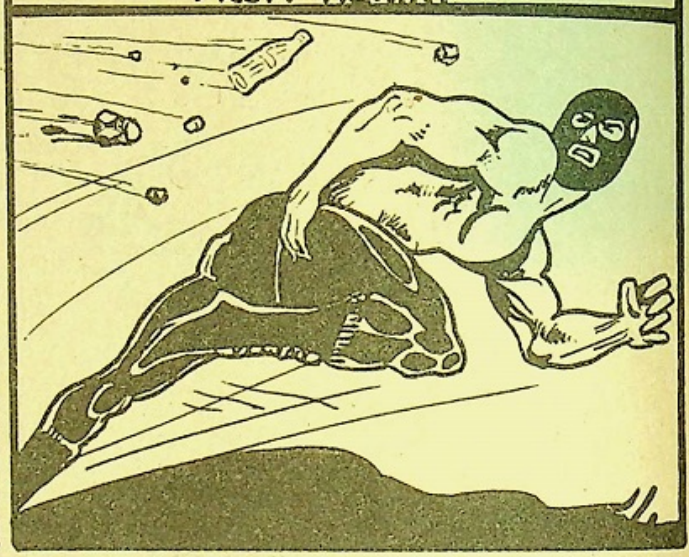


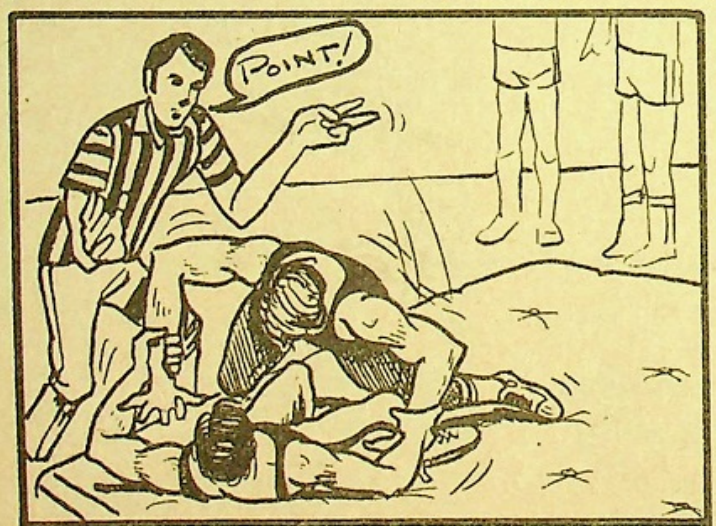
THE PATRIOT IS THE SON OF A FAMOUS PRO WRESTLER WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF BEING ILLEGALY THROWN OVER THE TOP ROPE BY "DOCTOR DEVIL."



HIS YOUNG SON, SITTING AT RINGSIDE, NEVER FORGOT THE INCIDENT....

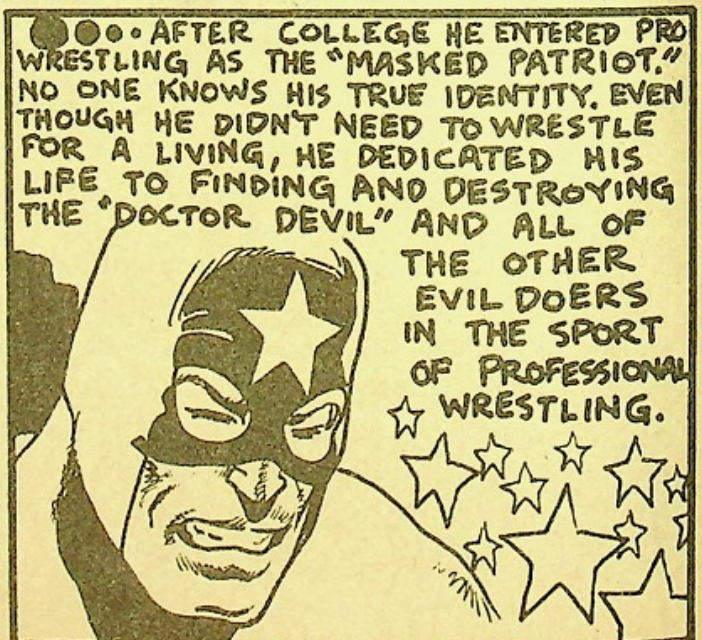
THE "DOCTOR DEVIL RAN FROM THE ARENA AND WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN!



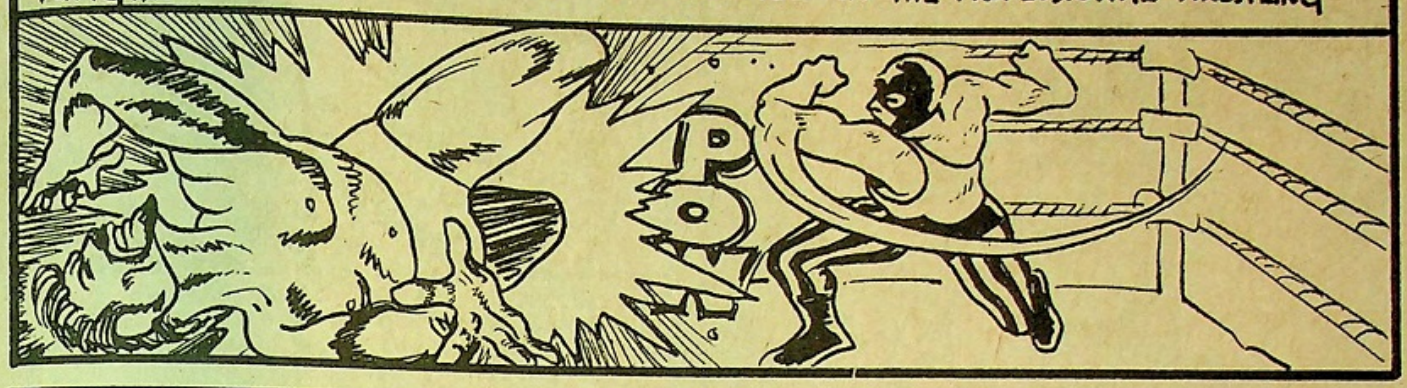


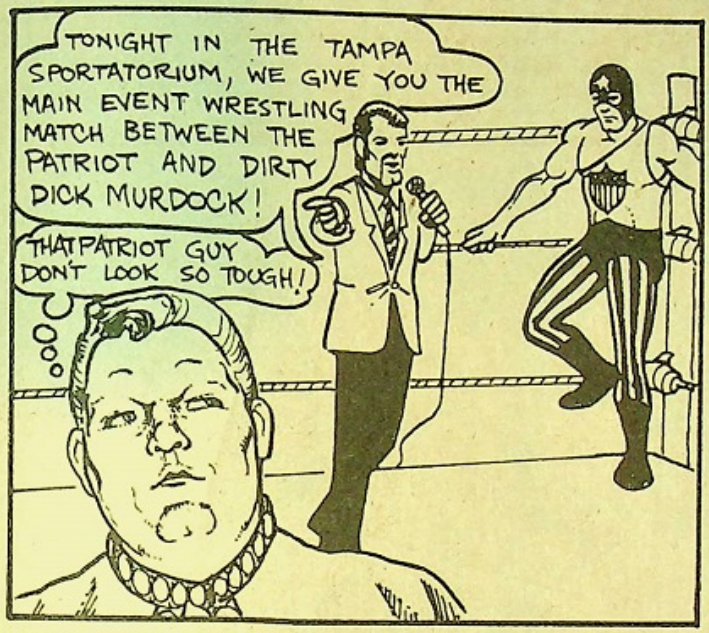
HIS FATHER LEFT HIM OVER A MILLION DOLLARS IN WRESTLING EARNINGS, AND THE YOUNG BOY GREW UP TO BECOME A NATIONAL AAU AND NCAA WRESTLING CHAMP IN COLLEGE.

●●●AFTER COLLEGE HE ENTERED PRO WRESTLING AS THE "MASKED PATRIOT." NO ONE KNOWS HIS TRUE IDENTITY. EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T NEED TO WRESTLE FOR A LIVING, HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO FINDING AND DESTROYING THE "DOCTOR DEVIL" AND ALL OF THE OTHER EVIL DOERS IN THE SPORT OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.



★THE 'PATRIOT'S ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO REMOVE ALL EVIL FROM PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. HE HAS BECOME THE HERO BEHIND WHO ALL TRUE WRESTLING FANS RALLY. THE COMMON MAN IDENTIFIES WITH THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE MASKED MAN IN HIS NEVER ENDING FIGHT FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE IN THE PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING RING....





THE BELL RINGS AND MURDOCK RUSHES ACROSS THE RING AT "THE PATRIOT,"...

BUT THE PATRIOT IS NOT CAUGHT UNAWARE, HE LEAPS HIGH INTO THE AIR AND THROWS A DROPKICK THAT LANDS SQUARELY ON THE CHEST OF MURDOCK!

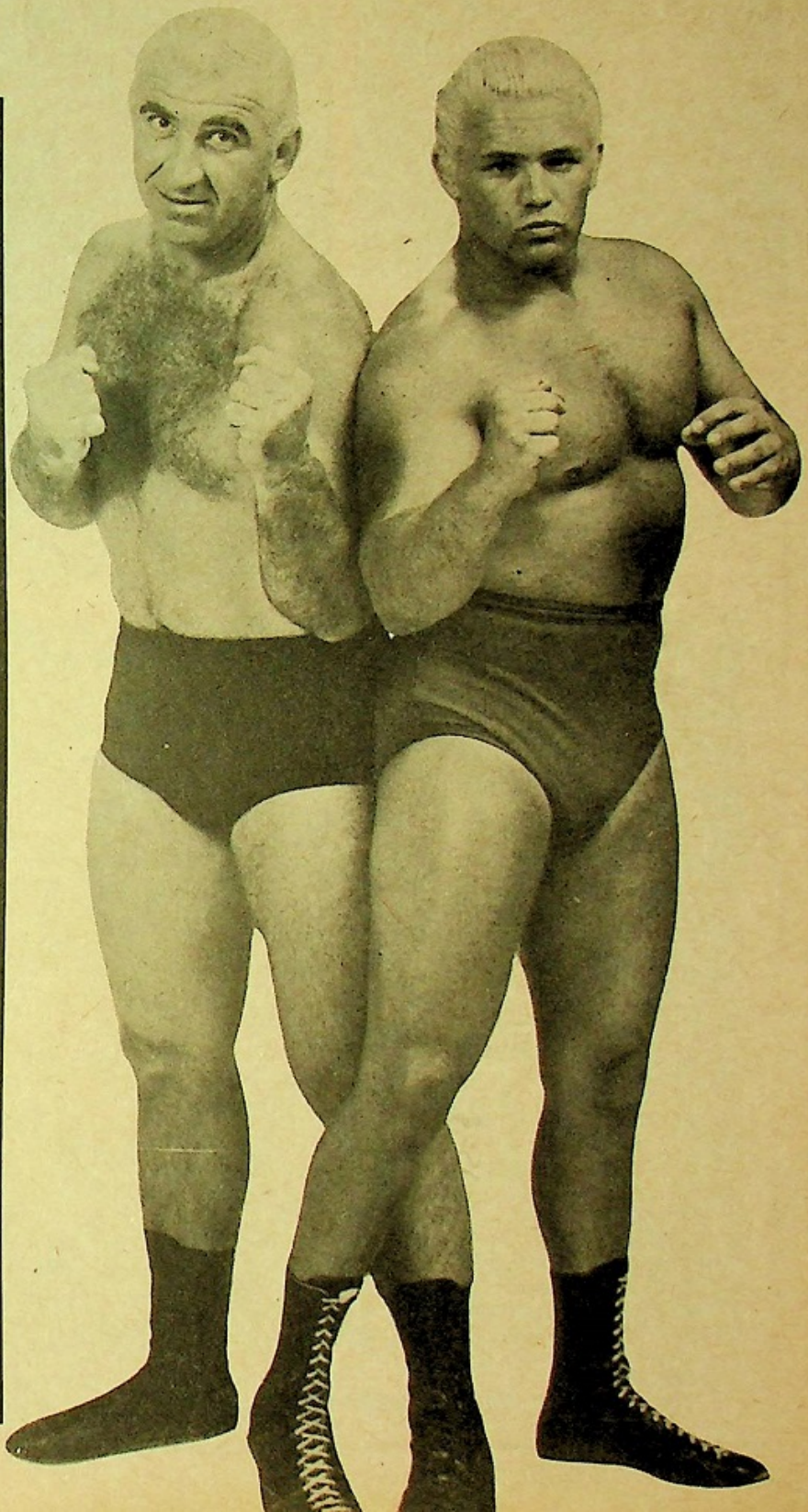
MURDOCK GETS TO HIS FEET SLOWLY AND THINKS....

THE PATRIOT HAS A HEADLOCK ON MURDOCK, THE MURDOCK PUSHES HIS WAY TO THE ROPES TO FORCE A BREAK....
O.K. PATRIOT, YOU'RE IN THE ROPES, BREAK THE HOLD!
YES SIR REF!
THE PATRIOT STRAIGHTENS UP AND BREAKS CLEANLY, BUT MURDOCK TAKES A CHEAP SHOT AT OUR DEFENSELESS HERO!
OOOFFF!
TAKE THAT YOU DIRTY MASKED MAN!
SMAK
BUT THE PATRIOT COMES BACK WITH HIS MILHOUS ROUNDHOUSE, AND THE FANS SHOUT, "GIVE HIM THE GOOD OLD U.S.!"
HE ASKED FOR IT SO HE'S GOING TO GET IT!
KAPOW
UNH!
THE PATRIOT PICKS MURDOCK UP FOR THE "UNCLE SLAM!"
PLEASE NO!
MURDOCK HIT THE MAT WITH SUCH FORCE IT KNOCKED HIM UNCONSCIENCEOUS!
OOOOOFF!
WHAM
AND THE PATRIOT WAS DECLARED THE WINNER OF THE MATCH!
HUR RAY
NEXT MONTH THE PATRIOT MEETS WALDO VON ERICH! DON'T MISS IT!

BUDDY ROBERTS AND JERRY BROWN

Championship Combination Created By Fate

by LIL AL VAVASSEUR



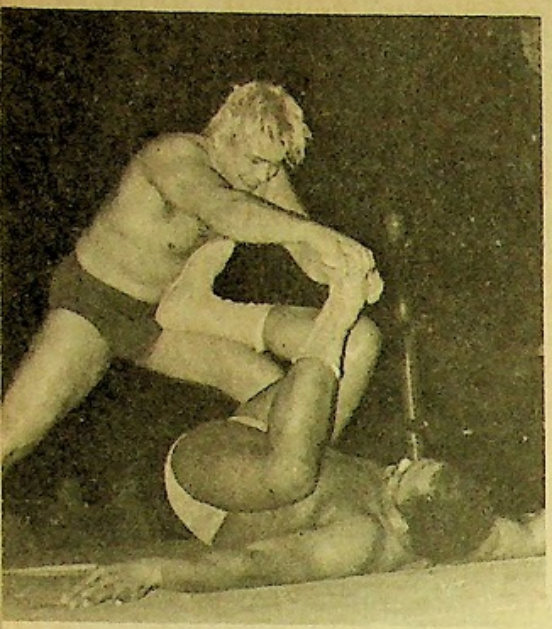
Three years ago Buddy Roberts and Jerry Brown would never have thought they would be considered one of the top tag teams in the world. Brown was teaming with Dandy Jack Donovan in the midwest and doing very well. The United States Tag Team Championship had been declared vacant and so they travelled to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where LeRoy McGuirk was running a tournament to name the new set of titleholders.

Brown and Donovan were considered the favorites of the tournament that included many great teams from all over the world. Just on the eve of the big tournament, Jack Donovan suffered a broken leg in a singles match that put him out of action for almost a year.

Jerry Brown was left without a partner and no other top wrestlers were available to fill in at the last moment. Buddy Roberts, an up and coming young star but still with little experience, was the only wrestler in the area who was willing to take Donovan's place.

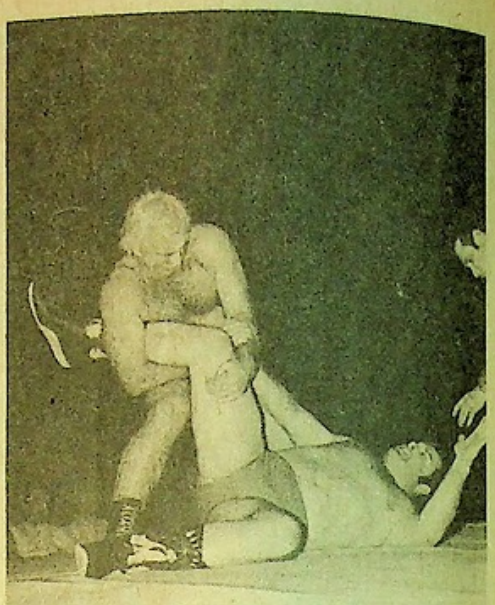
Brown decided that Roberts would have to be his man and in the few days before the big tournament they worked out vigorously. The night of the tournament a maracle happened as this inexperienced team won the coveted United States Tag Team Championship.

They went on to hold that title for over a year turning back



Siki Samara is about to kick off Pretty Boy Buddy Roberts.

Buddy Roberts uses the trunks to get Bill Watts into the pin position in this match.



Jerry Brown has a leg lock on North American Heavyweight Champion Cowboy Bill Watts. This match took place in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

challengers from all over the country. In that year they faced top tag teams defending the U.S. title several times a week.

Buddy Roberts enjoyed his new found success and Jerry Brown could not have been happier with his new partner. They became skilled in tag team wrestling. As a team they made their own breaks, bending rules and breaking them as much as they could get away with. Meeting the top team resulted in them learning how to cope with the styles of almost every wrestler in the business. Buddy Roberts and Jerry Brown became known as the "Blond Bombers" and they were unbeatable.

Roberts had broken into wrestling in the Montreal area and he wanted to return home with his new partner. After two years of success in the United States they invaded Quebec and appeared on the promotions of Johnny Rougeau. In a short time they had captured the Quebec Tag Team Championship and were mopping up the competition throughout the province.

But Roberts and Brown were unhappy. Montreal, and the rest of Quebec, had once been one of the major wrestling centers of the world. But, in recent years the crowds had gone down as the promoters imported few major stars. Even though they were the Quebec Tag Team Champions, Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts didn't feel the competition was good enough and mainly they felt that because they were not facing major league stars the crowds were down and that resulted in small pay checks for the "Blond Bombers."

Then a new promotional group called Grand Prix Wrestling entered the Montreal scene. Roberts and Brwon simply gave back the Quebec Tag Team title and retired as undefeated champions. They went to the new promotion and demanded to wrestle for that group's World's Tag Team Championship which they subsequently won. They continued with that World title for many months, finally losing out in a vicious battle to the Vachon Brothers.

That was when they decided that they had to learn more, so they embarked on a world tour. Their first stop was in Japan where they proved to be the top tag team on the I.W.E. scene for a period of three months. Roberts and Brown picked up much knowledge in their matches against the top wrestlers in Japan and learned many new tricks to add to their already extensive store.

Their next stop was in Paris, France, where they wrestled against the top teams of Europe. Here again Roberts and Brown were successful, both in winning matches and also in adding to their knowledge of the sport.

Now they have returned to the United States confident that they are going to become the World's Tag Team Champions in short order.

"We've spent three years learning about the sport, and during that time we've held the tag team championship in every area where we have appeared. Now we know almost everything and once we get the World's Tag Team championship we will be unstoppable," the veteran Jerry Brown said recently.

Roberts added: "We are tired of facing second-rate opponents.

Jerry Brown tries to slip a headlock into a choke as he goes against Siki Samara in a Louisiana bout.

Promoters are going to have to pay us top money and give us top opponents if they want us on their cards. Everyone knows that we are the top tag team in professional wrestling and that is the way we plan to keep things for a long time.

"And, we are sick and tired of these other wrestlers in the sport who dye their hair blond because they want to look like us. We are so great that they can't even compare to us in any way and the fans all know it. But, they also realize we are the only naturally platinum blond tag team in the world and in this one aspect they try to imitate us and thus make the fans think they are as good as us.

"Of course, only a few really dumb wrestling fans are fooled into thinking that any other team, no matter how much peroxide they use, could even be as great as we are.

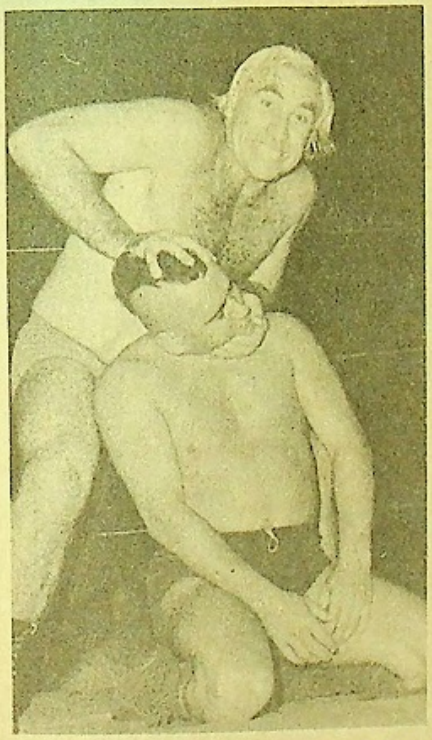
"Being natural blonds, we are true living examples of the fact that blonds have more fun! In fact, sometimes we are mobbed by the women so much they we have to resort to things like dying the roots of our hair black, or dying the hair under our arms black so that we can have a bit of piece and quiet."

Buddy Roberts certainly isn't bashful and neither is Jerry Brown. They will talk for days on how great they are if you only let them, but they do a lot more than talk.

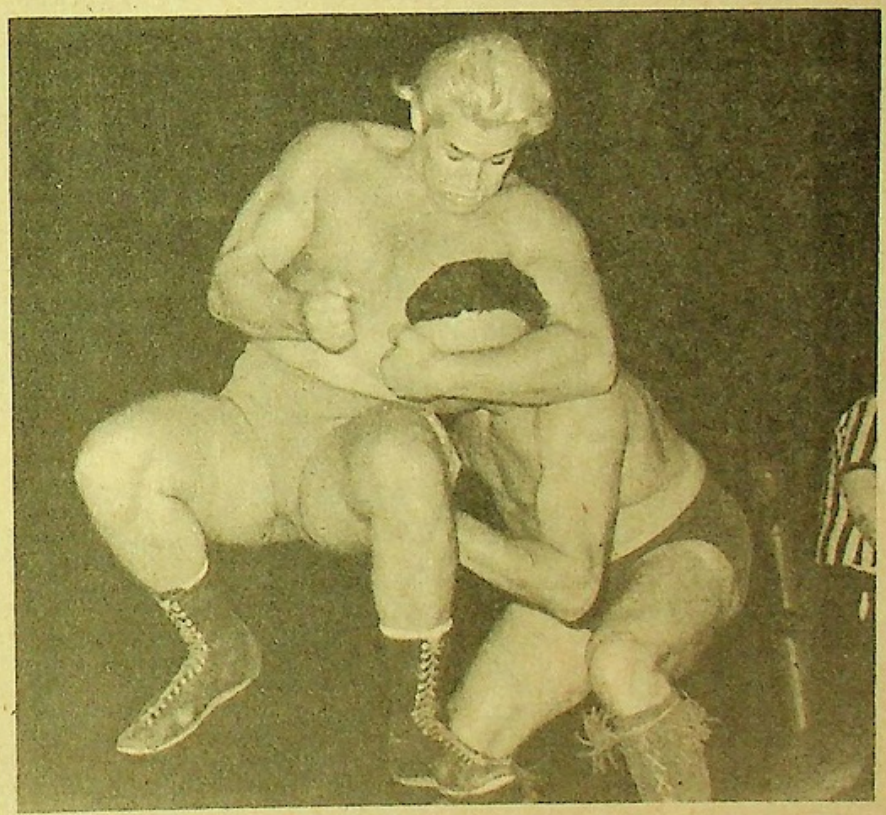
They have proved themselves in the wrestling ring. Many of the tactics they use are questionable and hated by the fans. But, one must remember that wrestling is a very rough sport and that Roberts and Brown are just two of many rule benders in the sport, only they seem to be more successful at it then others.

The big thing is sports today is winning and these two blond stars are the winningest tag team to hit the sport in many years. They are not the pure cleancut sort of athletes who typically win World titles, but Jerry Brown and Buddy Roberts appear to be the tag team of today and the tag team of the future.

They have held many titles and now they are after the biggest one of them all, the World's Tag Team Championship. It doesn't look like any combination around will be able to stop them from reaching that goal.

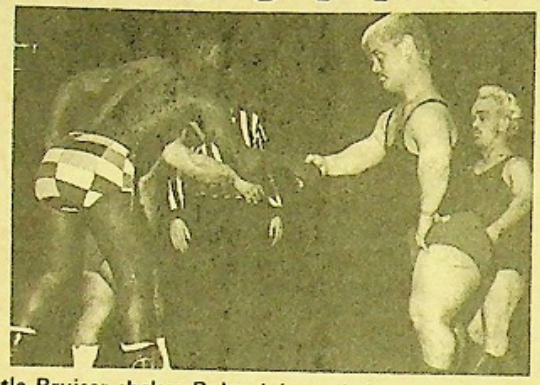


Jerry Brown is trying to unscrew War Eagle's head in this action. Brown and Roberts have had several battles with War Eagle and Billy Two Rivers recently in eastern Canada.



Buddy Roberts works on the head of Jean War Eagle. The two have a vicious feud that has seen chapters from New Orelans to Quebec City.

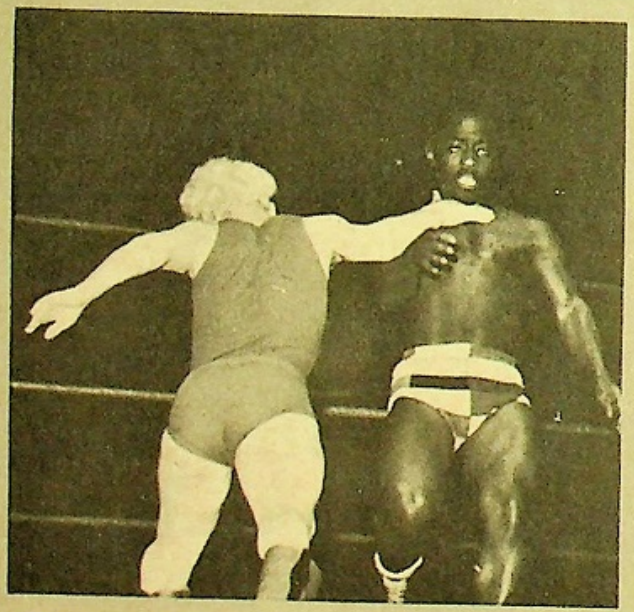
THE NIGHT THE LITTLE BRUISER DID DOUBLE DUTY



Little Bruiser shakes Bobo Johnson's hand to show that he wants a clean match.

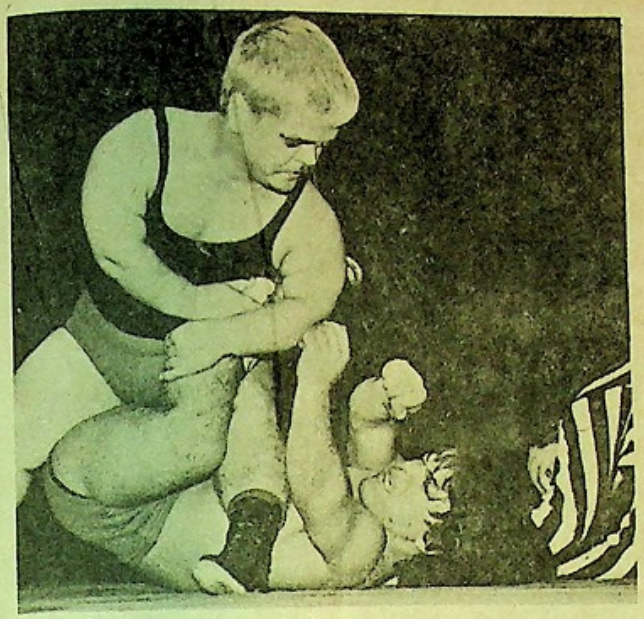
How A Midget Wrestler Stepped Into The Shoes Of His Hero

by HARTLEY B. COOPER



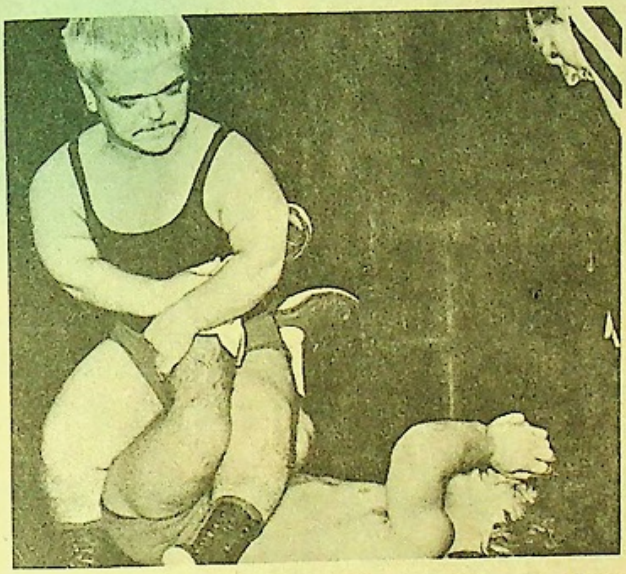
Cassidy doesn't believe that fighting clean is going to win the match.

Johnson returns the treatment by trying to eliminate one of Cassidy's hands.

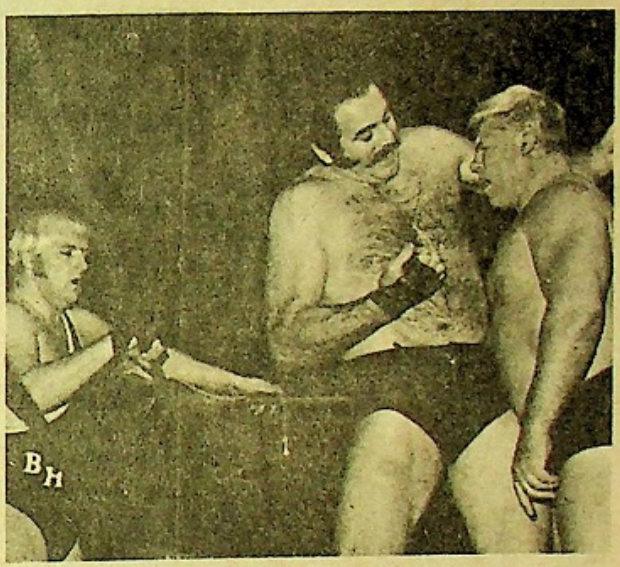


The Little Bruiser steps in and tries to get The Mighty Atom to submit.

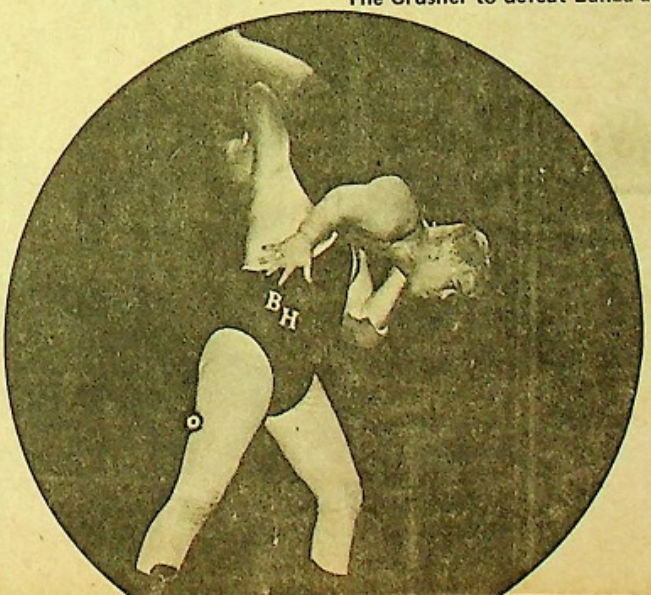
The Little Bruiser feels that The Mighty Atom is no challenge to his great strength.



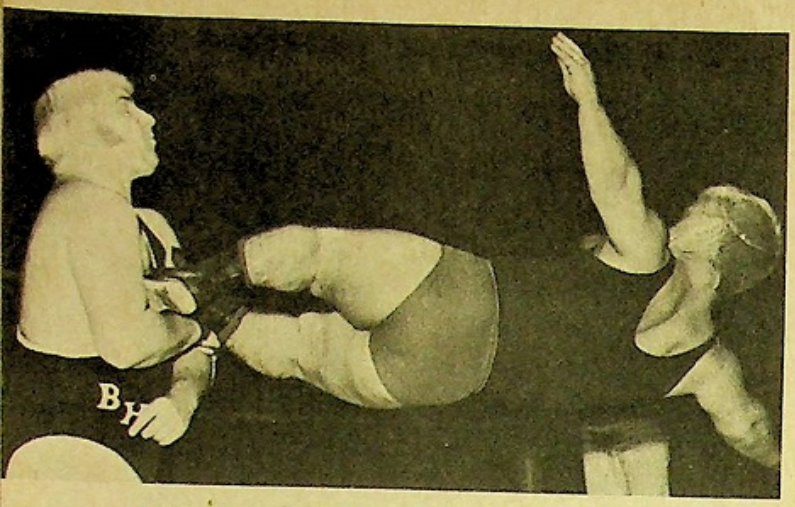
The Mighty Atom cannot stand anymore pain he is almost ready to submit.



The Little Bruiser looks for a greater challenge and joins The Crusher to defeat Lanza and Hennan.

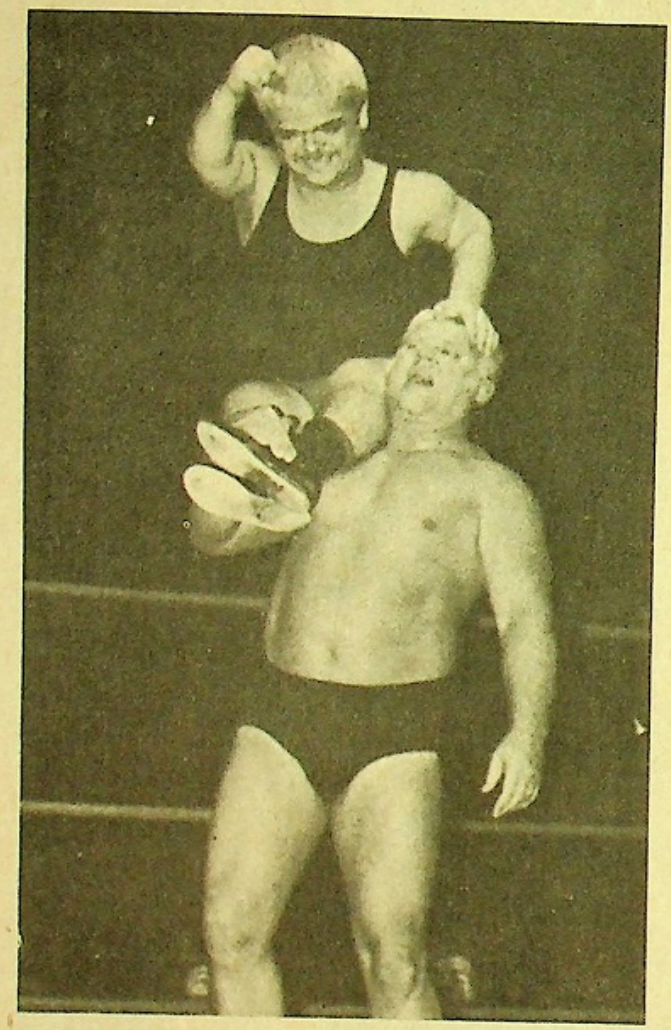


Hennan finds that his size and strength is no match for The Little Bruiser.

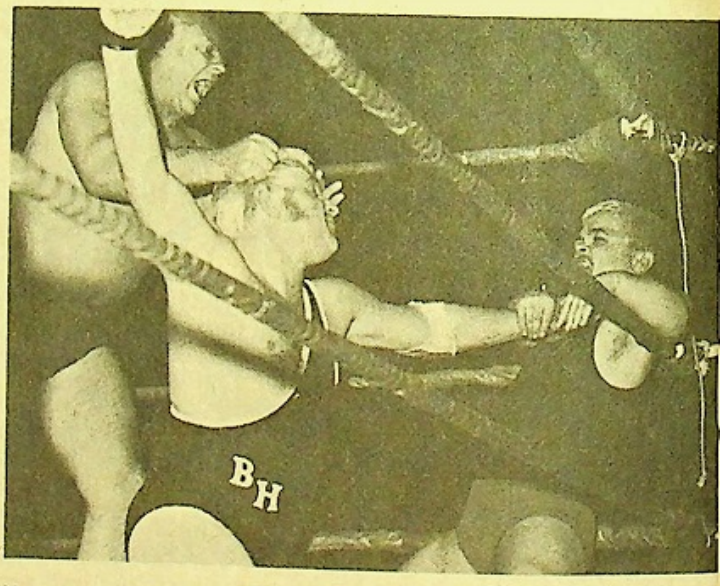


Now Little Bruiser gives the unsuspecting Hennan a drop kick.

Crusher brings Lanza to Bruiser to give him some of the same treatment he gave Hennan.



Bruiser sits on top of the Crusher in victory.



Hennan corners Bruiser but Crusher comes in to help his little partner.

THEY COME IN PEACE

THE LOVE BROTHERS, THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING TAG TEAM

by DAVE BURZYNSKI

A little over a year ago a reign of terror hit the Midwest with the debut of a young, new, exciting tag team, the most fearsome that had ever come to these parts. . .a team with speed, ability, appearance and the makings of true champions.

Today this same team is still racking up victory after victory, leaving behind a trail of broken and defeated opponents, and a message of LOVE! Love? Sure, that's their name. . .the Love Brothers, Hartford and Reginald.

"We come in peace," they say, "but we leave you in pieces."

Love 'em or hate 'em, you've got to admit that the Love Brothers are different.

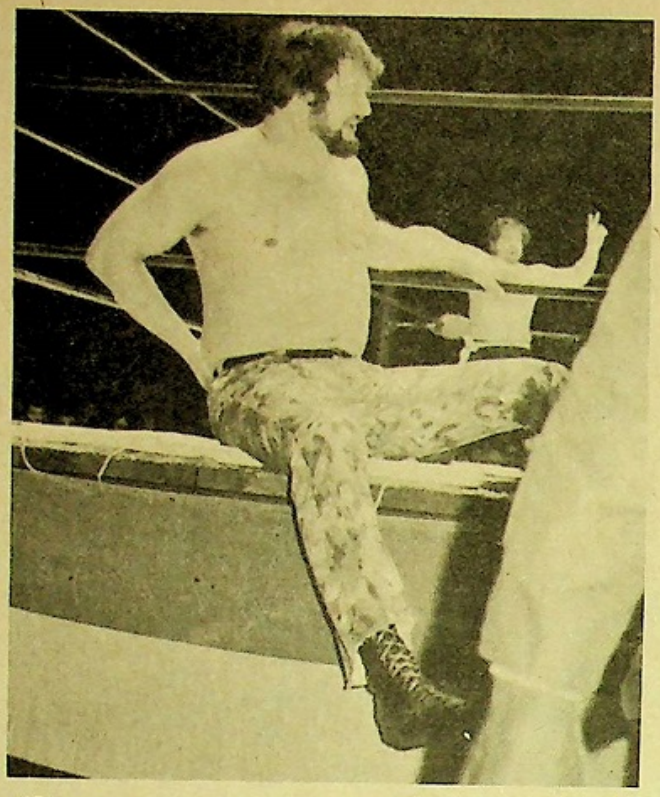
"We're with it," they say. "We're the new generation, the right-on generation."

Even from the other side of the generation gap, the fans admit that these hippie-type grapplers, with their psychedelic costumes and their love beads, are a colorful twosome.

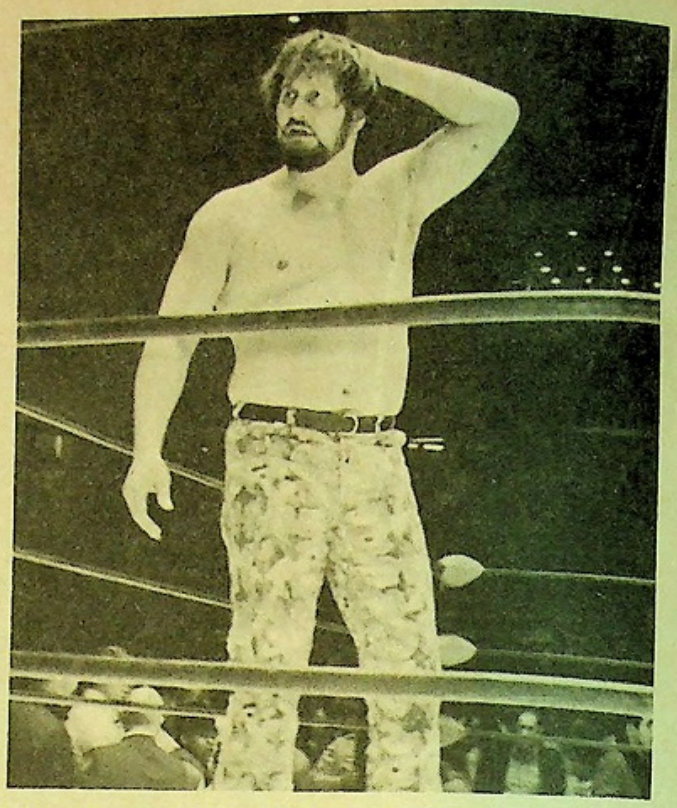
Actually their flowered trousers, multi-colored jackets and vests, and their beads add a spark as they enter the ring.

Then they have another habit that doesn't sit too well with those fans who happen to be up close.

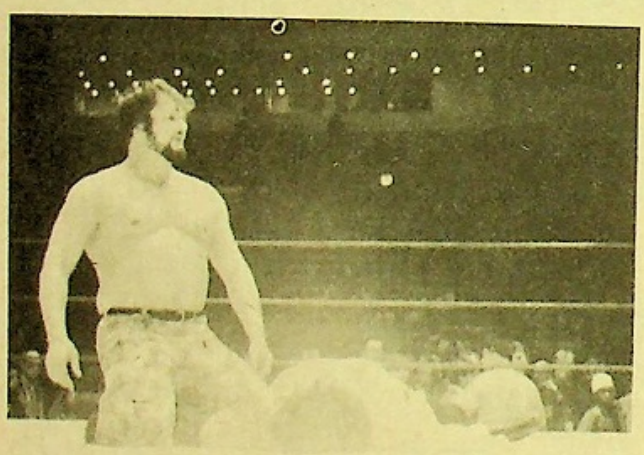
They spray the ring and anything or anybody within range with a deodorant.



"Oh, my aching back," yells Hartford after being dropped on his bottom after trying a little bit of dirty work.



With teamwork, ability and lots of class, the Love Brothers come out on top again.



Hartford looks on in disbelief as partner Reginald lays flat on the mat after losing the first fall of their match.

"It's the fans we're spraying, not the ring," explains Hartford. It is our way of telling the world: clean up your own back yard, or don't point your finger till you examine youself first. Not all young, long-haired people are dumb and flea-bitten."

Wrestling was a childhood ambition for Hartford and Reginald. They started out in the amateur game, learning and progressing in ability as they grew in size. After years of work, it finally was time to put it all together and make that first big step into the pro ring.

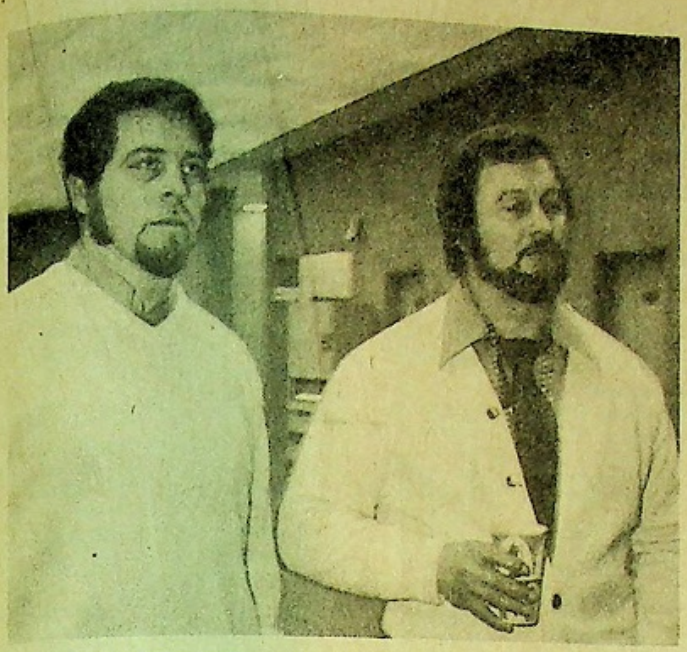
Reginald vividly recalls his first pro match, back in 1962. "I was matched up against Rebel Bob Russell in Boston. He was the hometown favorite and he won by a considerable margin. I quickly realized I had an awful lot to learn, a lot of rough spots to smoothe out."

After a few years in the game, the two Love Brothers got together to form a tag team. Their ambition was the same as it is today: to become the world's most exciting tag team.

They began their crusade on the New York circuit, taking on every team willing to go up against them. In only their fourth match as a team they defeated Johnny Powers and Moose Cholak for the Eastern U.S. Tag Team belts. Cholak was injured during the rough battle and the commissioner halted the bout, awarding the title to the Love Brothers.

Now they set about to defend the title, and like the true champions they were, they managed to successfully defend it 84 times without a defeat. That's 10 more than the Gallagher brothers had been able to do, and even today the Loves are proud of their accomplishment.

Fans often ask them, "Why did you become



After their matches, they like to take it easy and watch the others take a beating. Occasionally, they will start rooting for their fellow villians while watching.

wrestlers?" Reginald replies: "We are gifted with fine physical appearance, great athletic ability and coordination, plus a high level of intelligence. The crowds also know us to be modest men; they can relate to that."

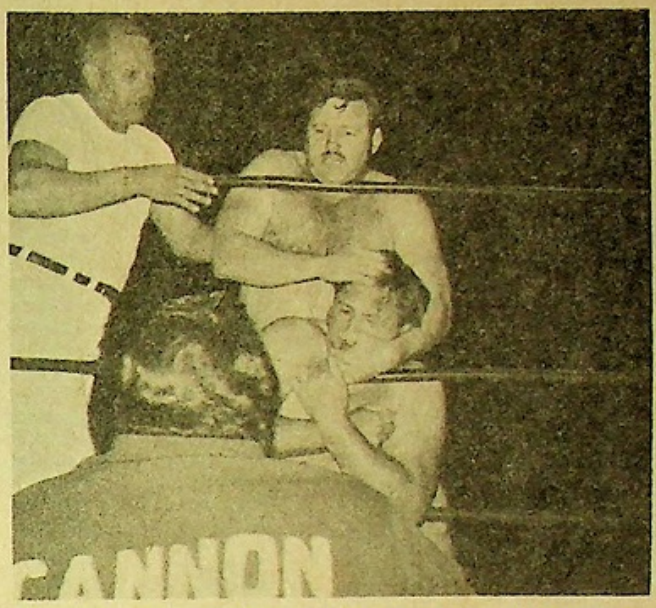
Both Hartford and Reginald are about the same size — five-feet-eleven, and 228 pounds. Their out-of-ring interests are similar, too. They enjoy visiting cultural points of interest in the various cities where they wrestle. You might spot them in museums, science centers and at various historical landmarks.

Currently making their home in Toronto, the Loves work four or five times a week. They travel an average of 100,000 miles a year. They've wrestled all over the U.S., and have traveled in Europe, Canada and Australia. They are planning a trip to Japan in the near future.

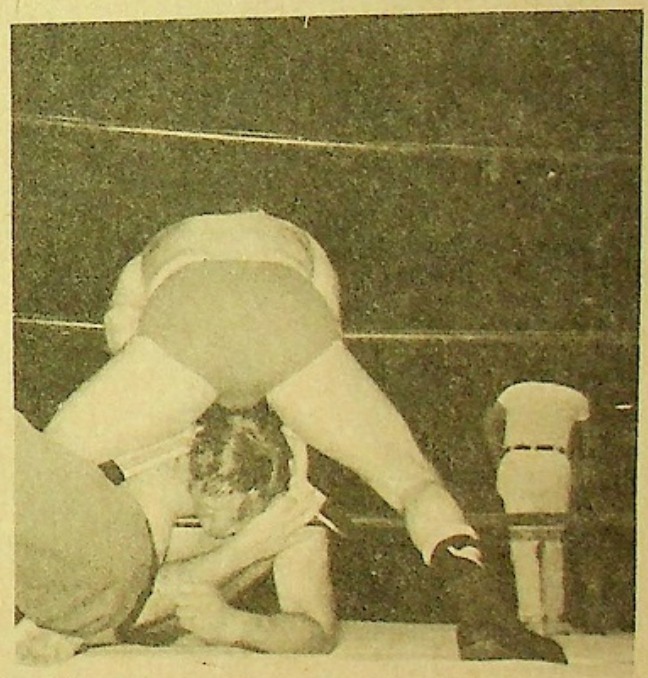
They are considered one of the world's toughest tag teams, yet, as Hartford tells it, there is more to them than just that. They are trying to get a message across; a message of protest.

"We (the world) teach that we must all be good citizens, love your neighbor, then promptly cheat, lie and steal. The young generation can see through this and stands behind us all the way. In short, they know that in today's world practicing deceit is the norm while preaching Love and Peace."

Wrestling, they say, has been a mixture of good and bad experiences. "Our best experiences are meeting our super-loyal fans," says Hartford. "The worst are the injuries that happen to every wrestler. No wrestler can stay 'up' all the time and when you let down your guard it can lead to injuries. But with a heavy wrestling schedule you've got to learn to ignore and disguise your injuries, and just keep wrestling."



Arch-rivals, The Kangaroos managed by George Cannon do a bit of triple teaming on the Love's.



With the referee out of the scene, Kangaroo Don Kent gets a little assist with a boomerang.

T. V. WRESTLING GUIDE

In this section we attempt to list every television wrestling show in the world. Although we have a fairly complete listing, the changeable nature of television schedules makes it impossible for us to be sure that it is complete and up to date. Therefore, we request that our readers help us by letting us know of any changes in the television schedule in their area, and of any shows that we have failed to list or listed incorrectly.

CHANNEL	CITY	DAY	TIME
ALABAMA			
19 WHNT	Huntsville	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
33 WCFT	Tuscaloosa	Saturday	5:00 P.M.
42 WBMG	Birmingham	Saturday	10:00 P.M.
40 WHMA	Anniston	Wednesday	10:30 P.M.
4 WTVY	Dothan	Saturday	4:30 P.M.
32 WKAB	Montgomery	Saturday	10:15 P.M.
ARIZONA			
21 KPAZ	Phoenix	Thursday	7:00 P.M.
11 KZAZ	Nogales	Sunday	5:00 P.M.
ARKANSAS			
10 KTVE	El Dorado	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
5 KFSA	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Saturday	1:00 P.M.
8 KAIT	Jonesboro	Sunday	1:00 P.M.
40 KFPW	Fort Smith	Saturday	12:00 P.M.
CALIFORNIA			
13 KCOP	Los Angeles	Saturday	8:00 P.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
34 KMEX	Los Angeles	Wednesday	7:30 P.M.
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NEW HAMPSHIRE			
9 WMUR	Manchester	Sunday	1:00 P.M.

NEW JERSEY

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RHODE ISLAND

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25 WOLO	Columbia	Saturday	11:15 P.M.

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11 KELO	Sioux Falls	Saturday	3:00 P.M.
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ALBERTA

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6 CHAT	Medicine Hat	Monday	10:40 P.M.
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7 CJOC	Lethbridge	Monday	12:45 P.M.
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2 CKSA	Lloydminster	Wednesday	11:40 P.M.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA

6 CHEK	Victoria	Saturday	11:00 A.M.
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MANITOBA

7 CJAY	Winnipeg	Saturday	9:00 P.M.

NOVA SCOTIA

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SASKATCHEWAN

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6 CJPM	Chicoutimi	Monday	11:00 P.M.

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2 CKCW	Moncton	Saturday	4:00 P.M.
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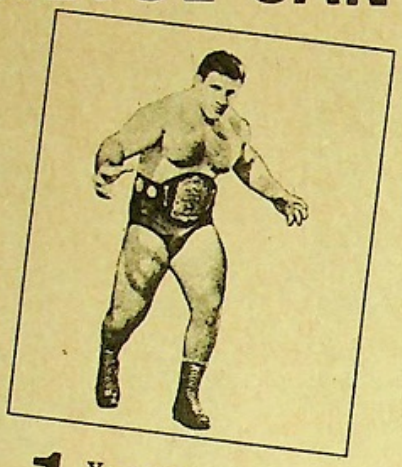

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PAT O'CONNOR DETHRONES HANDSOME HARLEY FOR CENTRAL STATES CROWN

by BERNIE DAVIS

It was an early January afternoon at the St. Louis TV studio. The second match to be taped was eagerly awaited by the fans in the audience as a super-special treat. For Pat O'Connor a great favorite in St. Louis, would meet Central States kingpin, Handsome Harley Race.

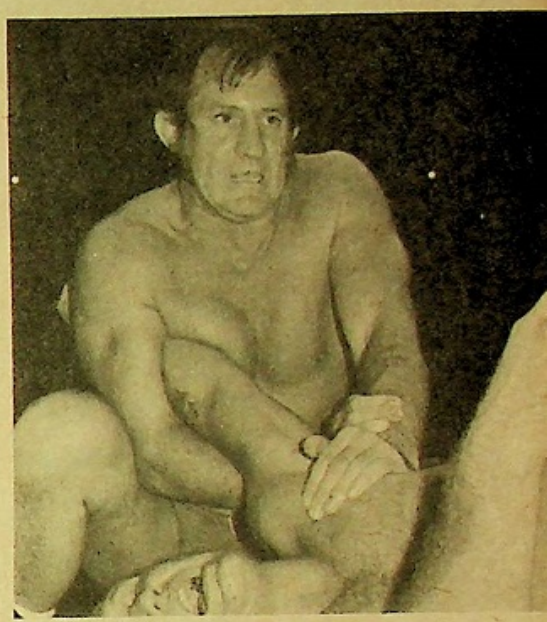
Both men, even though it was a TV bout, entered the ring as though it were an ordinary rough bout.

The combat started with both men squaring off in center ring with an exchange of holds. Action soon got hot and heavy, and as the bout progressed both men were going all-out after victory. O'Connor very definitely wanted to win that Central States belt. . .and Race, who had held it for several months, wanted to hold onto it.

At the 14 minute mark, Race was thrown from the ring and lay motionless on the floor. As the referee's count mounted the fans yelled with joy. At the count of 20, Race was counted out and O'Connor was the new Central States Champion. No one could believe the sight. It was a dream come true. O'Connor exited with the coveted belt to the cheers of the crowd as Race stood in mid-ring, wondering what happened.

O'Connor thus takes over all of Race's title bookings throughout the Central States territory, and Race drops to a challenger for the belt once again. It was truly an unbelievable sight — to see a title change hands on a TV card — but as long as O'Connor is now the champion, St. Louis fans will be more happy.

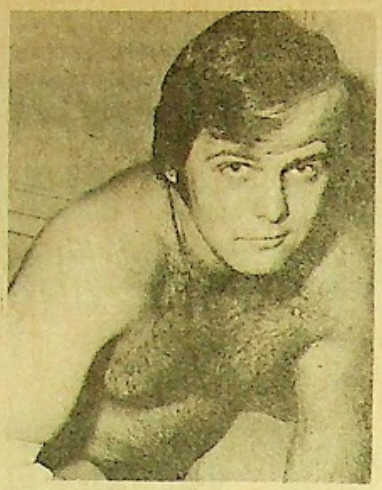
Handsome Harley poses for W.M. photographer before going in to battle.



Harley yells in pain as Pat puts on the full pressure of an arm bar.

Race is caught in Pat's sleeper but Harley managed to get to the ropes to break the hold.

O'Connor's hand is raised in victory and becomes the new Central States Champion.



THE WRESTLER BEHIND THE PATRIOT

Jerry Lawler Is An Up-And-Coming Wrestling Star And He Also Illustrates Wrestling Monthly's Great Comic Strip!

by AL LEWIS

Jerry and Steve Lawler after a tough defense of their tri-state championship belts in Montgomery, Ala.

Since we started WRESTLING MONTHLY magazine less than a year ago we have received thousands of letters from fans and our magazine, from the very first issue, was accepted by wrestling fans everywhere.

One of the many popular features in WRESTLING MONTHLY has been a comic strip entitled THE PATRIOT.

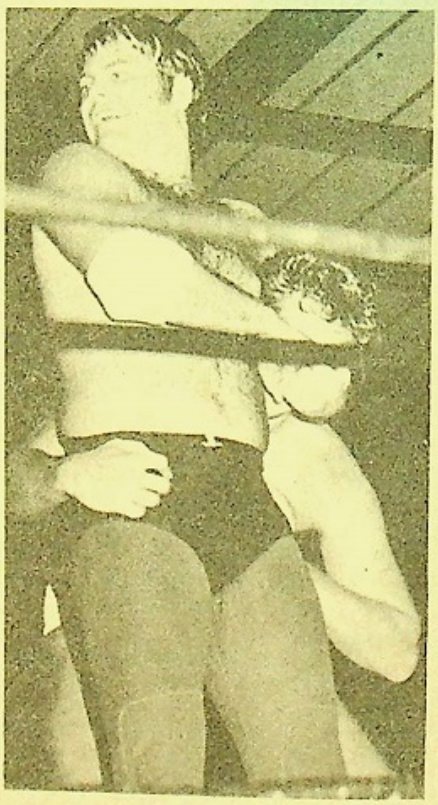
Each month The Patriot goes into battle against real live professional wrestlers and more often than not he emerges victorious. The Patriot has become the imaginary hero behind who the wrestling fans gather. Maybe there isn't a real live wrestler who will stop one of the hated villians in the sport, but The Patriot is the fan's answer for the imaginary hero who is all-powerful and will right every wrong in the sport.

The script of The Patriot is written by Wrestling Monthly editor Norm Kietzer, but the man who really makes the masked man come alive on these pages is Jerry Lawler, and up-and-coming wrestler from Tennessee.

Although Lawler is known as a wrestler only to the fans in his home area, his illustrations have made him known throughout the wrestling world. Possibly Jerry could become a full-time commercial artist, but he is still first and foremost a professional wrestler.

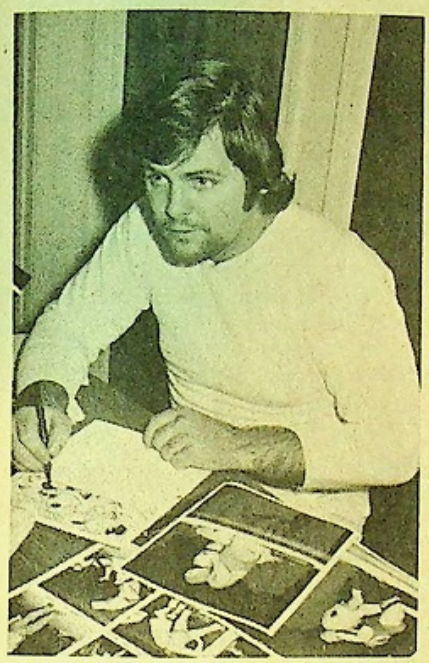
We thought you might enjoy seeing Jerry Lawler at work — both on The Patriot and on the mat. Both as an artist and as a wrestler, Jerry Lawler is making it big.

Jerry Lawler reads his favorite magazine.



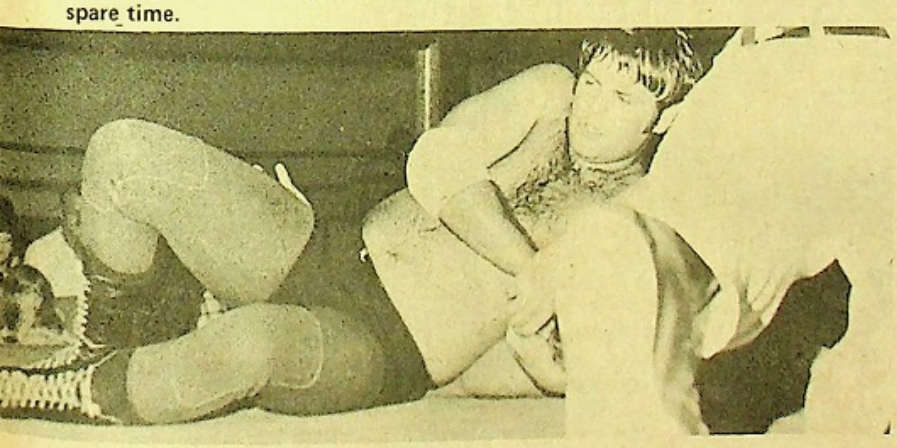
Jerry Lawler with headlock on Jimmy Golden.

Steve and Jerry Lawler, top tag team in the South.



Jerry Lawler works on illsutrations for next month's Patriot. Between wrestling and drawing he has little spare time.

Baby feeding time breaks into Jerry's busy schedule. He was trying to work on the illustrations for The Patriot.



Jerry Lawler has taken his opponent down to the mat with a headlock.

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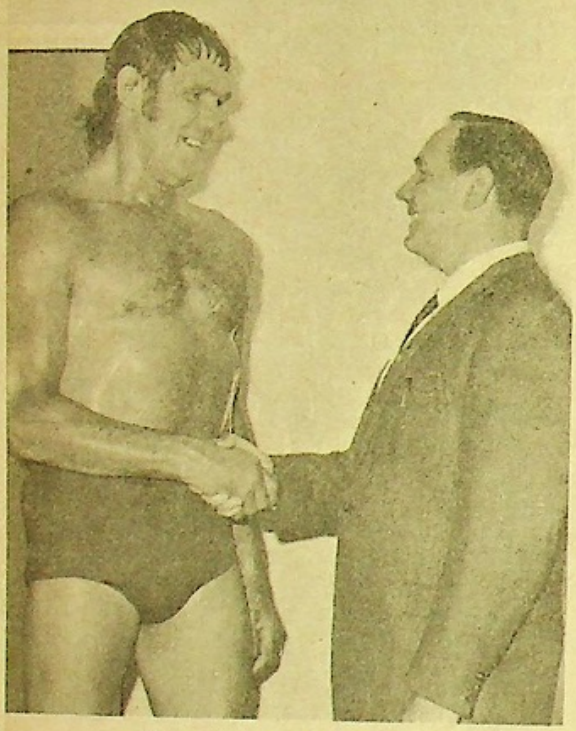
THE BRITISH MAT NEWS

By EVAN R. TREHARNE



Gargantua, at 6'8" and 280 pounds, towers over our British Editor, Evan R. Treharne.

British Mid-heavyweight champion Mike Marino, was warming up in his dressing room before a contest against Welsh light-heavyweight champion Tony Charles when I looked in on him. Mike greeted me warmly, as always, as he continued to limber up ready for combat. Readily he agreed to pose for a new photograph, which we hope to include in this page in the near future. The result of his bout with Tony Charles ended in a one-one draw after a great deal of real action.

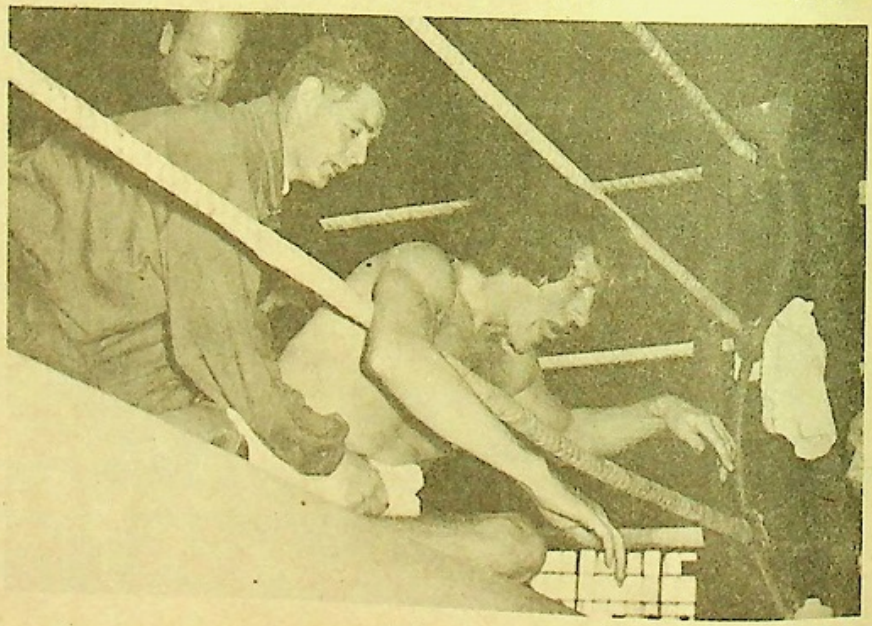
Former Empire heavyweight champion, 'Rebel' Ray Hunter rarely wrestles these days. He doesn't need to with his business interests both in London and his home in Australia. However, he wrestles now and again just for the shere love of wrestling. When Ray first came into wrestling in this country he was as lean as a bean pole, but he built up to a splendid 250 lb. He retained the Empire title for a number of years, although he lost it for brief spells to Alan Garfield and Don Stedman. Whenever you feel like wrestling over here again, Ray, you are always welcome.

Jimmy Savile is always in the news some way or another. This disc jockey, charity worker, marathon marcher, cyclist and wrestler, all rolled into one, is a fantastic man, and a millionaire too. A long way from his former work as a coal miner, to his recently being honored by the Queen with the O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire.) Jimmy only works two days a week, as he says it's enough to support him. The rest of the time he devotes entirely to charity and the good of others. Two days a week he works free of charge as a porter at a large hospital.

Most wrestlers have their own car to travel around the country to fullfil their wrestling engagements. But Jimmy Savile has five cars including a couple of Rolls Royce's, four bicycles, and a motor-scooter. He should manage if he gets a puncture.

Promoter Paul Lincoln plans a 4 man Knockout competition for Cardiff. The wrestlers being 'Big' Bruno (275 lb.) Steve Veidor (215 lb.) Tibor Szakacs (210 lb.) Geoff Portz (222 lb.) former British champion.

Mrs. Dorothy Hall, generally regarded as No. 1 wrestling fan in Great Britain, on the strength of her holder of the British lightweight, having won the vote in a RINGSPORT competition, has now gone a step further to boost wrestling. A television programme was centred upon her recently, when she gave her opinion as to why wrestling is her No. 1 sport and interest. The interviewers were amazed at her large collection of wrestling material and photographs of all the well known and the lesser known wrestlers. Many of these photographs



Jimmy Savile gasps for air during a charity match against Peter Preston.

Big Bruno Elrington greets Johnny Kincaid in the dressing room. These two top stars wrestling throughout Great Britain and Europe.

appeared on the TV screen, and the opinion of many wrestling fans is that such a programme could only do good for our favourite sport.

Masambula, the West African wrestler now based in Yorkshire, is a splendid figure of a man. Rippling with muscles at 6'1½" and scaling 200 lb. He is always full of fun and fire too. He is a colourful figure entering the ring. With his full leopard skin drape, he looks every bit the witch doctor he claims to be. Masambula has wrestled all over Europe and the Middle East, but he prefers to wrestle in this country above all others. He keeps fit with regular free exercises daily, plus a full wrestling engagement book. To back up this image, Masambula is a speedy, top-notch wrestler.

European welterweight champion Alan Colbeck, of Wakefield, Yorks, is a first class performer, and former welterweight and middle titles. Alan has his eyes on the world welterweight crown. He has the skill and tenacity to capture it, too. Recently, Alan faced up to the former British welterweight champion, Alan Sergeant, in a one fall bout. Colbeck tried many times to gain a submission from a double Boston Crab, but the suppleness of Sergeant foiled him each time. It was a trememdous battle for supremancy but Colbeck gained the winning fall after five hectic rounds.

Sean Regan, the Irish heavyweight champion, scaling 245 pounds, tangled with Tibor Szakacs, formerly of Budapest, five times winner of the Royal Albert Hall annual trophy. Tibor came in at 214 pounds, winning the bout by two falls to one in the fifth session. A very interesting bout for even the most exacting of wrestling fans.

In a battle of the giants, Big Bruno 6'5" (275 lb.) fought it out with Prince Kumali, 6'4" and 260 lb. Bruno scored a pinfall in the second round, then following a clash of elbow slams, Kumali equalized in round four. Big Bruno won the day when he gained a submission in the fifth.

A terrific tag-team bout was fought at great speed when 'The Jet Set' went to war against the popular 'Royals.' This bout had been a long awaited return to a previous thrilling bout. 'The Jet Set' is made up of Al Miquet and Jon Cortez, whilst the 'Royals' consist of Bert Royal and his brother, Vic Faulkner. Referee, Gordon Smith had to keep mobile in order to avoid the flying bodies whistling past his eyes good and often.

This contest had everything of the best in wrestling, and although Jon Cortez at only 140 lbs. was giving away a great deal of poundage, his great agility made him a tough foe even for the No. 1 rated tag-team 'They Royals.' Escapes and spinouts became the order of the day, and the fans were screaming in their enjoyment. As the bout went on, a certain amount of needle crept into it, and after 19 minutes 5 seconds, 'The Royals' won the match by two falls to nil.

Terry Rudge began as an amateur wrestler at the age of 15 years, and at 19 he turned professional. Of late he has developed into a heavyweight and has wrestled in Germany, Austria and Japan. In his most recent bout he wrestled a draw with Tony Charles, the Welsh light-heavyweight champion. Terry trains regularly with weights for fitness and strength. He loves the open air for health, canoeing on the river near his home.

Alan Dennison, 185 lb., has never been popular. He had a tough time against Johnny Kwango, until Kwango was thrown through the ropes to get tangled in the ring drape. Despite being assisted by three ladies at the ringside, Johnny just failed to make the count. With letters coming in each month from every state in the U.S.A., WRESTLING MONTHLY must have wonderful coverage in readership of our great sport. From what I learn, attendances in America is far greater than here in Great Britain. Let's hope British crowds grow to be just as great.

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Winnipeg Blue Bombers

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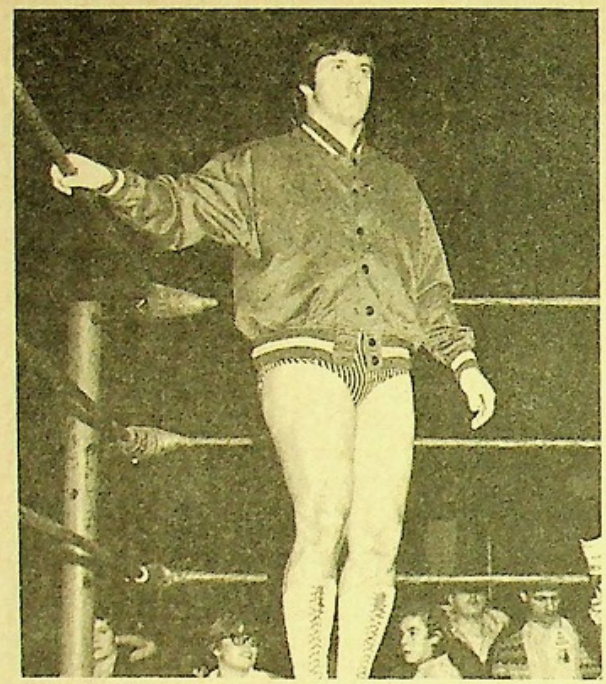
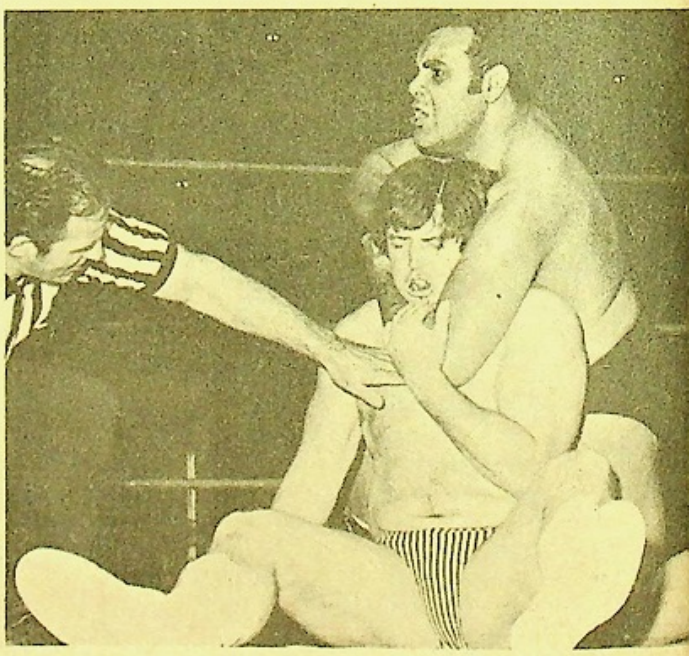
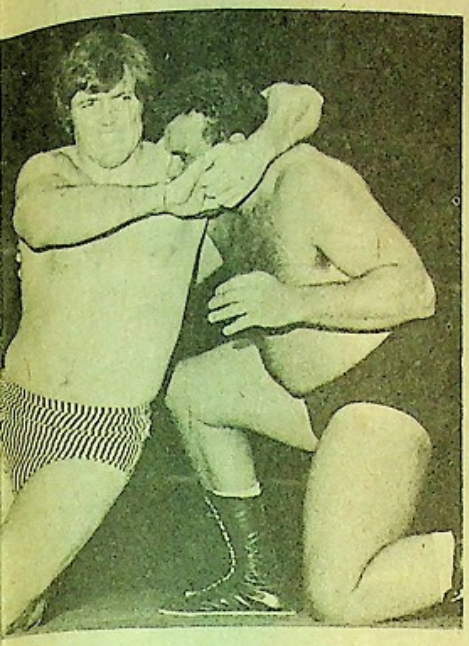
ANGELO MOSCA
Hamilton Tiger Cats



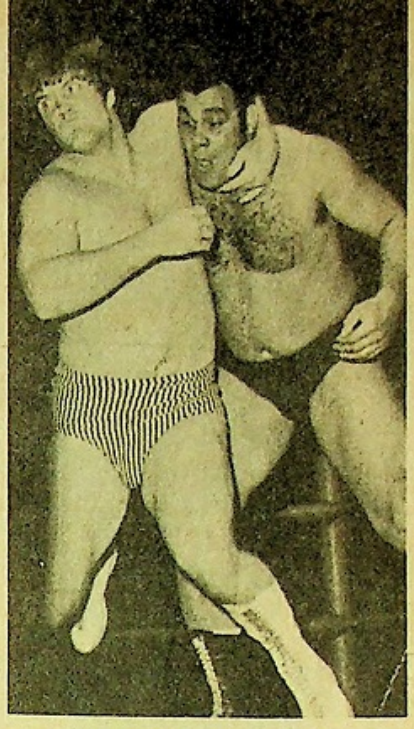
Mosca thinking he has Luek, begins to loosen his hold as Luek fights to break the hold and gain a victory.



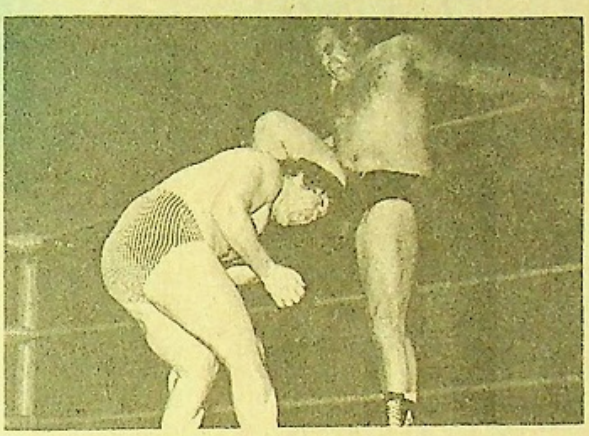
Mosca tries to give Luek the famous sleeper hold and it begins to work.



Luek's great strength brings him back and begins to return Mosca's own medicine.



Luek shows Mosca why he is one of the greatest football players.



Mosca gives Luek a kick which stuns him for a moment.

Angelo Mosca doesn't want to fool around so he tries to throw Bob Luek out of the ring.

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The first stop Vivian Vachon made in New York was at the office of Champion Sports Publishing Corporation in New York. That's Mickey Finn, not Mad Dog, with her.

VIVIAN VACHON VISITS BIG TOWN

Vivian posed by a poster of her brothers that adorns the office of Norman Kietzer.

The World's Top Girl Wrestler Invades New York But Can't Appear On Mat Here.

by PAT LANGER

The New York radio show featured Wrestling Monthly editor Norman Kietzer and New York State Athletic Commission referee Dick Kroll, standing, and host Jack Spector and Vivian Vachon.

Vivian Vachon, the world's top girl wrestler in the opinion of many, visited New York City a few weeks ago. Her first stop, quite naturally, was at the offices of Champion Sports Publishing Corporation in Pleasantville, where she contacted Norman Kietzer, the editor of the official magazine of wrestling — WRESTLING MONTHLY.

Mr. Kietzer was appointed to the W.F.I.A. Girl Wrestling Committee last year. It is the aim of that committee to legalize girl wrestling in those few areas that do not allow it. The only major cities left who do not allow it are New York City, Montreal and Buffalo.

Miss Vivian Vachon, who has filed a lawsuit against the City of Montreal to gain her right to wrestle there, was happy to come down to New York to assist in the publicity campaign here.

Through arrangements made by Pete Gulotta of the publicity department of the Curtis Circulation Company, the distributors of Wrestling Monthly, appearances on various radio programs were scheduled. During a one-month period Norman and Vivian were guests of Jack Spector on WMCA, Bob

Vivian was a big hit on the Jack Spector show in New York. Here she poses with Jack at the WMCA studios.

Vivian was heard across the nation when she was interviewed by Scott Morrison on his show on the Mutual Network. The interview was also carried across the world on the Armed Forces network as well.

Scott Morrison points to a copy of Wrestling Monthly, the official magazine of wrestling, during the interview.

Here she tries to convince our editor that she is the number one girl wrestler in the world.

Fitzsimmons on WHN, Marv Albert of WNBC, and Scott Morrison at the Mutual Radio Network.

Wrestling Monthly editor Norman Kietzer has tried through personal letters and editorials in this magazine to get the New York State Athletic Comissioners to legalize girl wrestling. Apparently this has no effect on the New York State Athletic Comissioners, Edwin Dooley, Albert Berkowitz, and Jackie Robinson.

So the new tactic of the campaign to legalize girl wrestling is to bring this issue to the public. Maybe then the commission will finally receive enough pressure to force them to grant women equal rights in the sport of professional wrestling.

If all the girls who want to wrestle here are as beautiful and well spoken as Vivian Vachon, we don't see how they can be continually prevented from wrestling here in New York. But it will be a long hard battle for Vivian Vachon to move the ultra-conservative members of the commission.

Girl wrestlers have declared war on New York City and the other cities and they will be satisfied with nothing less than total victory. They want the right to wrestle in these cities that men already have, and they are going to get it.

With dedicated men like Norman Kietzer backing them in this campaign, as well as the support of the W.F.I.A. and the thousands of wrestling fans that that organization represents, the battle will be won.

We at Wrestling Monthly look forward to the day when Vivian Vachon will come back to New York and visit us because she will be wrestling here, and that day must come soon.

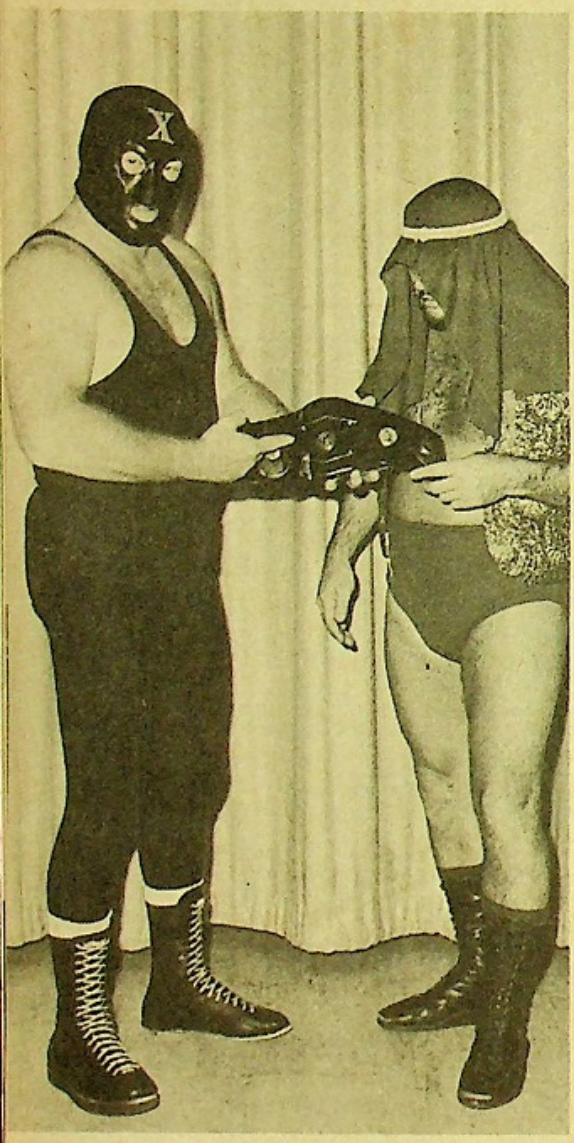
And finally relaxes by sitting down and reading a copy of her favorite magazine.

Vivian checks over our supply of back issues of Wrestling Monthly and Wrestling Revue.

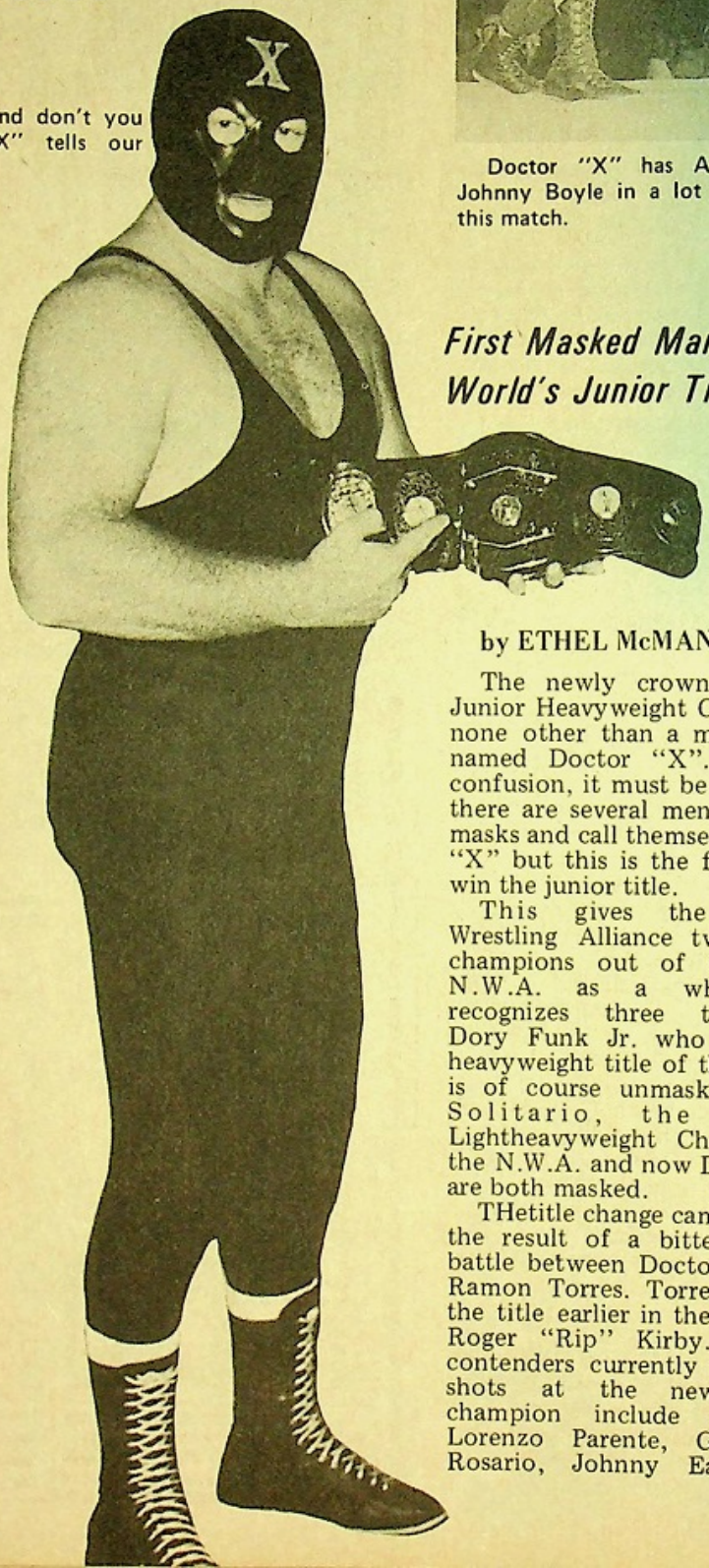
A DOCTOR "X" WINS THE N.W.A. WORLD'S JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Doctor "X" has Australian star Johnny Boyle in a lot of trouble in this match.

"I'm number one and don't you forget it, "Doctor "X" tells our cameraman.



The Great Mephisto, one of the few friends that Doctor "X" has in the wrestling world, admires the World's Championship belt.



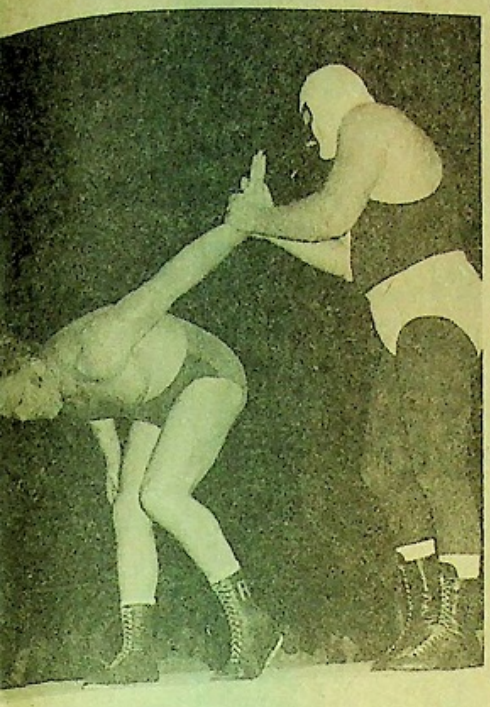
First Masked Man to hold World's Junior Title!

by ETHEL McMANUS

The newly crowned World's Junior Heavyweight Champion is none other than a masked man named Doctor "X". To avoid confusion, it must be stated that there are several men who wear masks and call themselves Doctor "X" but this is the first one to win the junior title.

This gives the National Wrestling Alliance two masked champions out of three. The N.W.A. as a whole only recognizes three titleholders. Dory Funk Jr. who holds the heavyweight title of that alliance is of course unmasked, but El Solitario, the World's Lightheavyweight Champion of the N.W.A. and now Doctor "X" are both masked.

THetitle change came about as the result of a bitterly fought battle between Doctor "X" and Ramon Torres. Torres had won the title earlier in the year from Roger "Rip" Kirby. The top contenders currently in line for shots at the new masked champion include men like Lorenzo Parente, Gypsy Joe Rosario, Johnny Eagles, The



Billy "Red" Lyons is trying to break free from a wrist lock held on him by Doctor "X".

Great Mephisto, Tom Jones, Silento Rodriguez, and Anthony Rocca. Of course, former titleholders like Torres, Kirby, Danny Hodge, and Hiro Matsuda are still active and must also be considered major threats.

Doctor "X" has been a controversial figure in wrestling for the past two years. He wears an orthopedic shoe to correct a minor physical difficulty and many of his opponents claim he uses this shoe as a weapon. However, no one has been able to prove this conclusively in several portests that have been lodged with the N.W.A. and it looks like Doctor "X" will continue to wear the shoe.

He has held on to the mask for two years against the top competition with most of his matches taking place in the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri and if Doctor "X" holds on to the N.W.A. World's Junior Heavyweight Championship belt as well as he had held on to his mask, we can look for him to have a long reign as champion.

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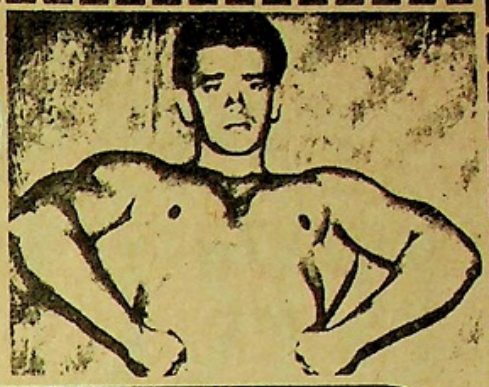

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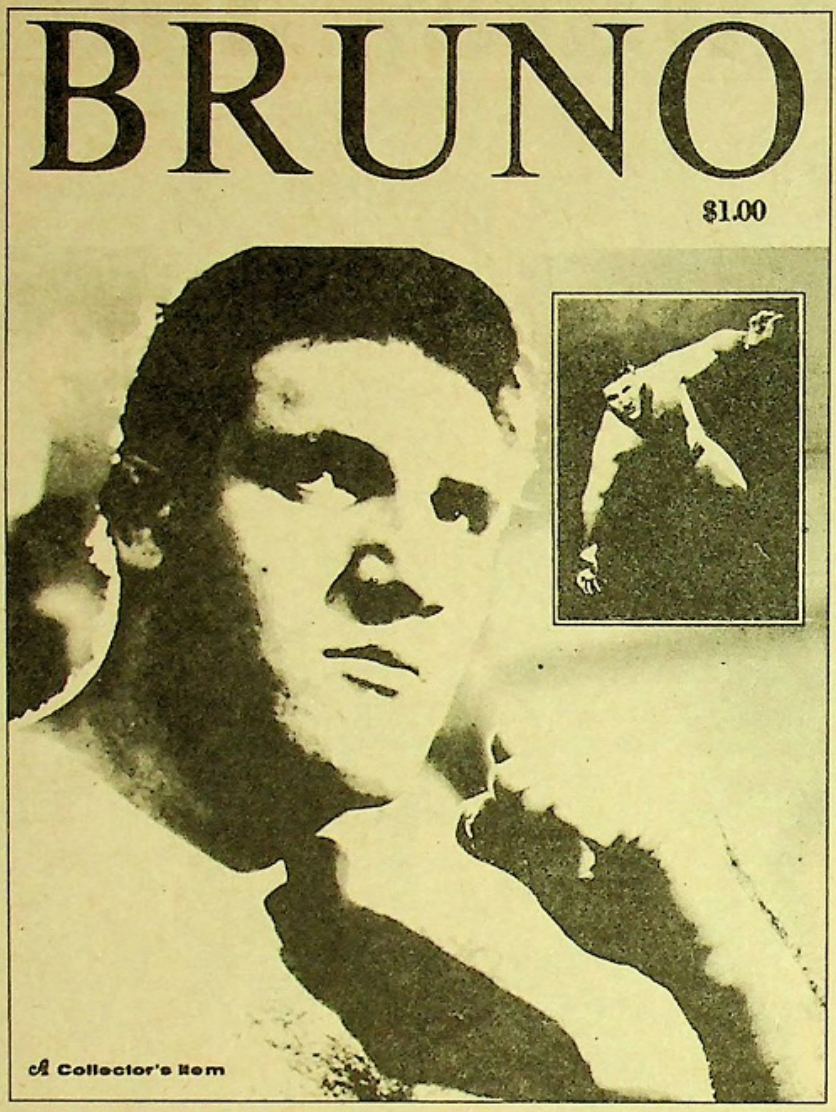

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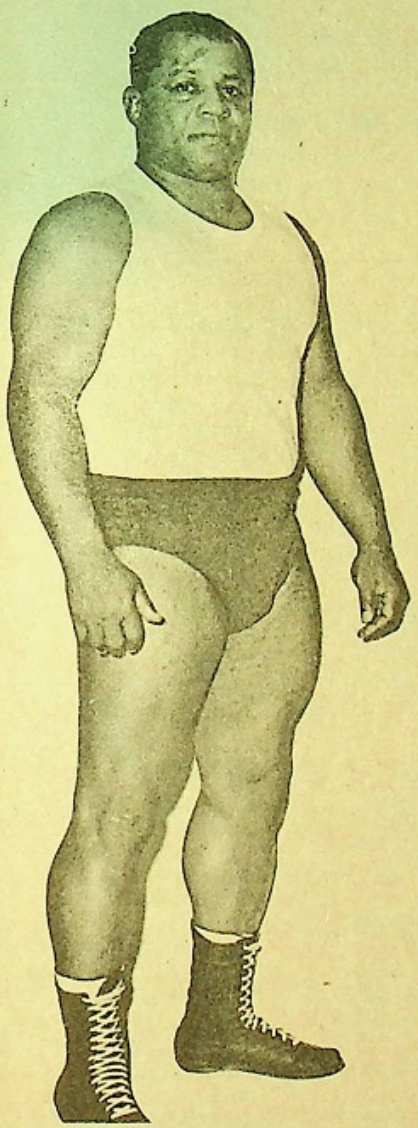
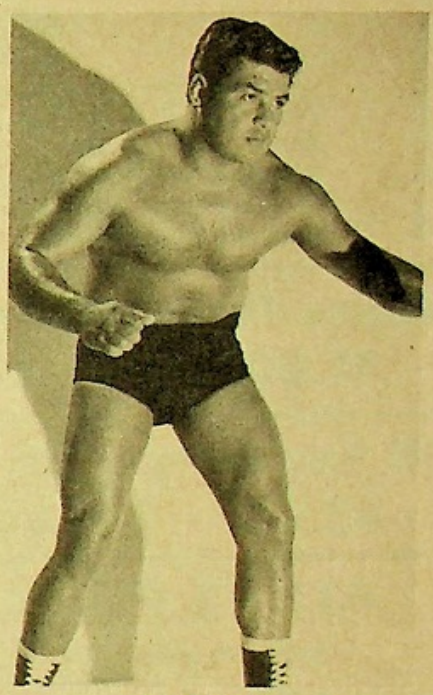


Luther Lindsey

Luther Lindsey, one of the greatest black men in the history of professional wrestling, died following a wrestling match in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was 46 years old and had just pinned Bobby Paul for the winning fall at the Park Center arena. He won the ten minute one fall match with a diving belly-flop. When Luther failed to get up the referee and police came to his assistance. Oxygen was administered in the ring, but he was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Luther was best known in the Carolinas and Virginia where he wrestled under the banner of Jim Crokett. He was born in Gibsonville, North Carolina, and was a football star at Norfolk State. He also was well known throughout the Pacific Northwest and had wrestled almost everywhere in the world at some stage of his career.

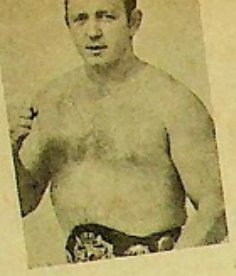
Lindsey, whose real name was Luther Jacob Godall, was one of wrestling's great stars and will be sorely missed.

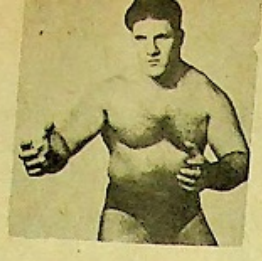


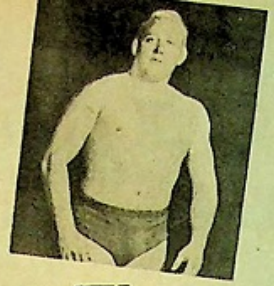
Luis Hernandez

Luis Hernandez, one of Mexico's star wrestlers, died of an apparent heart attack following a match in Japan. Hernandez was a small man in this sport of giants, but he was able to wrestle with the best of them.

Luis came from Chihuahua, Mexico, and was a hero down south of the border. He also made several successful tours of the United States and Canada. Wrestling will miss him.







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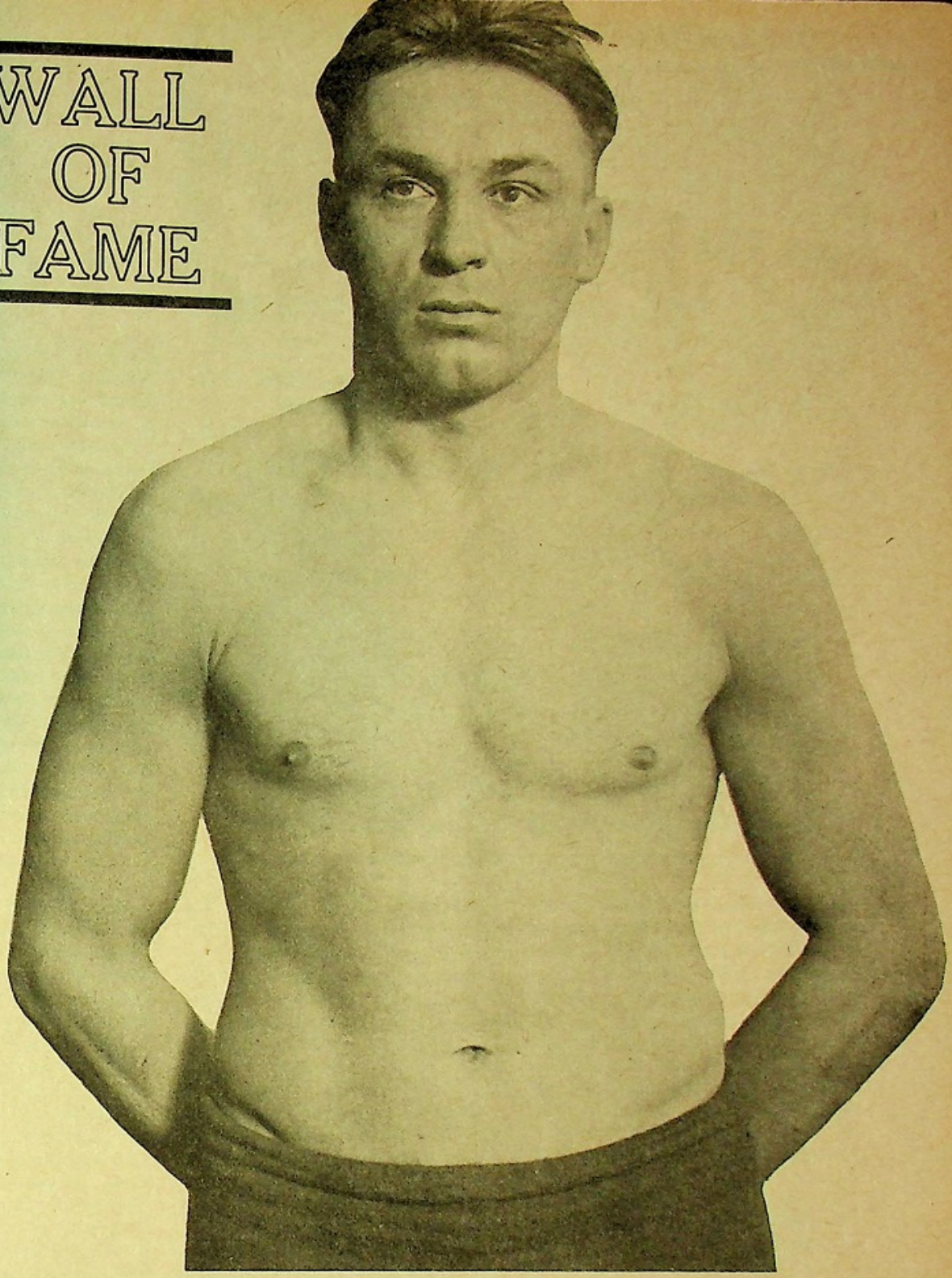

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by JAMES C. MELBY

World's greatest wrestling fan, Lloyd Sturges, Middleboro, Mass.

I heard from the Cleveland Mat News for the first time. The president is Anthony Wills,the address is 2300 East 97th Street, Cleveland , Ohio 44106. A yearly subscription is $2.50 and single issues are 75 cents.

Also for the first time, I received an issue of "Drop-Kick" this month. Drop-kick is an excellent magazine pertaining to Detroit action and has many pictures. The cost is $5.00 for 12 issues or 50 cents a copy. This magazine comes out twice a month. The address is Brian Maton, "Drop-kick", 1569 Plaza Drive, Taylor, Mich. 48180.

Rosie Macumber continues to do her fine work on the International Edouard Carpentier Fan Club. I received a couple of new pictures and some recent information of the popular French man this month. If you wish to get in touch with thi fine club, write to Rosie at 221 Jasper Drive,Security,Colo. 80911.

For the first time this month,I also received the excellent New England W.W.W.F. News, Published bi-monthly by Terry Allen, 110 Atlantic Ave.,Marblehead,Mass. 01945. The price is 25 cents per copy or $1.00 for a five issue subscription.

Received a signed permission slip from Linda Lee Scott authorizing her to start a fan club for popular Jerry Jarrett. Why not drop Linda a line at Star Route, Riverview Drive, Sheperdsville,Kentucky 40165.

Received the current issue of San Francisco All Star News letter. Why not try a sample copy for 35 cents or an entire year for only $2.00? Write to Joe Fernandez,319 Sweeny Street, San Francisco,California 94134

I would like to correct a mistake that I have published in previous columns. The 1972 W.F.I.A. convention will be held on Octover 6,7, and 8 in Santa Monica,rather than Los Angeles. The W.F.I.A. currently has a huge sale going on with many interesting items and special prices. If you are not already a member, why not take a voice in what goes on in the world of wrestling and join for $2.50. You can get in touch with W.F.I.A. at Post Office Box 11007, St. Louis, Junior Dimery of 1905 Davidson Avenue, Apt. no. 5,Bronx, 10453, is interested in trading color photos and programs with fans from all over the world.

Kenneth H. Spence of 3907 Bethania Sta. Road of Winston Salem, 27106, has one copy or our sister magazine, Wrestling Revue, Volume one, number 1, Fall 1959 in good condition and will sell to the highest bidder.

Received an excellent first bulletin from Jeffrey Siegel of 95 Sedgwick Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y. 10705. The name of his publication is The Golden Years – Wrestling's Nostalgiazine. There are 18 big pages, a dozen big features. It will be published bi-monthly or quarterly, depending on the first issue's response. 50 cents a copy, with a special surprise bonus to the first 25 purchasers.

Here's a hot publication which has my highest recommendation. I received the first issue of Lone Star Wrestling, a professionally printed newspaper on the great Texas wrestling area. A 12-issue subscription is $5.00. Their address is P.O. Box 1567, Irving,Texas 75060.

Bill Cherry of 3712 Overton Crossing, Memphis, Tenn. 38127 is interested in pen pals.

Received some excellent pictures from Cary Silkin, 253 Hillside Ave., Cranford,N.J. 07016. Why not send him a self-addressed, stamped evelope for a list of pictures? I might add that it is only common courtesy when inquiring from any of the people advertising in this club, that you enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Most fan clubs are a labor of love, and are run at a monetary loss, and it does not help the person to continue when he has to pay out additional fees for postage.

I have been contacted by Frankie Amato who works for some of our competitive wrestling magazines and he brought to my attention that there are people selling other people's photos without their permission. It is

very disgusting to me that some people will be unethical enough to take someone else's photo, make a copy negative, and sell the work as their own. A league has been formed for the protection of photographers photos and the intention is to not only blackball, but prosecute through the Post Office Department for mail fraud, people involved in such shady business.

Richard Marcotrigiano of 55 Landau Ave., Floral Park. N.Y. 11001, has magazines and wrestling articles for sale.

Received the current issue of Wrestling Information Bulletin. Ron Dobratz's excellent bulletin is considered the uncrowned champion of fan club bulletins by this writer and many others. For the best in amateur wrestling publications, send 50 cents to Ron at P.O. Box 1807, Rockford,Ill. 61110.

I received the current issue of the Texas Wrestling Scene from Bob Cunningham of 3509 ent Lane, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308. Dues for a year are $2.00 or 30 cents for a sample copy.

On a sad note, I received a letter from Ellen Guttiere notifying me that she has dropped the Ron Fuller fan club.

Received a signed permission slip from Mathew Bragner giving Mat permission to start a fan club for popular matman Red Bastien. Dues are $2.25, for which members receive an 8 X 10 photo, a membership card, and quarterly bulletins. The club address is 911 Bell Ave., Sheboygan,Wis. 53081.

Just received the current issue of Tri-State Wrestling News. Why not try a sample copy for 35 cents or a years subscription for $3.00 by writing to Lon Paskowitz, 24 Brighton 10th Path,Bklyn., N.Y. 11235

Mr. Tom Steinberg of 795 Chatham Street East, Windsor 14,Ontario,Canada, is interested in pen pals from Japan, Australia, and Hawaii.

Received an excellent poem from Pfc. Allan Fujara, 348-44-X1895, 28lst MP Co., APO SF 96232. The poem reads as follows:

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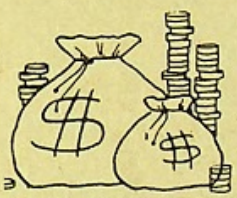

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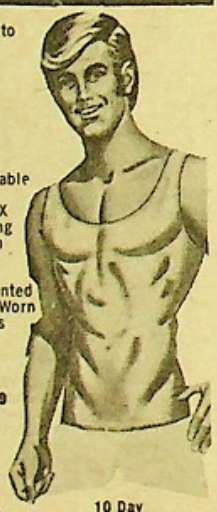

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Had just settled down,
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And then at that moment,
They heard such a clatter.
Bruiser and Crusher went down,
To see what was the matter.

For what in their beer-drinking,
Eyes should appear.
Was Mad Dog and Butcher,
Their eyes full of fear.

Butcher was wearing,
An expressionless face.
He thought he'd end up,
Just like Harley Race.

His brother the Mad Dog,
Was screaming with rage,
He remembered what happened,
That night in the cage.

Mad Dog then laughed,
Exposing his belly, to
Bruiser and Crusher,
Then turned it to jelly,

The Mad Dogs returned,
Just looking for more.
They didn't quite realize,
Just what was in store.

Bruiser and Crusher,
Then let the Dogs out.
But they'd better beware,
For their coming bout.

Both the Vachons,
Were shaking with fright,
Bruiser slugged Crusher,
And They both said "GOOD NIGHT"!

Received two copies of the A.W.A. Fan Club bulletin from the lovely Kathy Szalewski of 1003 South 16th Street, Apt. 11, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204. Why not drop Kathy a line.

Another one of the old standbys, Stuart Saks of 14 Mitchell Ave. Plainview,N.Y. 11803 send me the current issue of Wrestling Results. Why not pick up a sample copy from Stuart for 35 cents.

As I have mentioned in every column, it is the policy of this writer and Champion Sports Publications not to advertise any fan club or photo service unless we have a sample or their work in our files. I received letters from Mike Feldman of Bronx,N.Y.., Tom Lyons of Hamburg,N.Y. and Mark Velger of Jersey City., Unfortunately, I cannot recommend their services as they neglected to send along a sample of their work.

If you like wrestling photo albums, why not send a dollar plus 35 cents for postage and handling to Wrestling, P.O. Box 1631, Bellevue, Washington 98009.

Another excellent publication is Arena. You can try a sample copy by sending 50 cents to Box 61,Fraser,Mich. 48026.

One of the real fine clubs in existence is Mick Karch's Nick Bockwinkel Fan Club. Why not send Mick 50 cents at 5621 Mennetonka Blvd.,-210, St. Louis Park,Minn. 55416, for a sample copy of The Lean Mean Machine.

George Shire Jr. of 8204 Homestead Court, Cottage Grove,Minn. 55016, desires pen pals from Georgia and Florida. George is a big fan of the bigger wrestlers like Haystacks Calhoun, Man Mountain Mike, the Kentuckians and Ivan Putski.

Two very fine photo albums on A.W.A. wrestling stars are Crusher Country and Action I published by G.R. Anthony of 14101 University Station, Menniapolis,Minn. 55414. Both albums are only $1.00 a piece. Also available from her are Bull Bullinski T-shirts for $3.00.

As always, my highest recommendations go to the following fine professional wrestling photographers: Lil Al, P.O. Box 4, 452 Avenue B., Port Allen, Louisiana; Gene Gordon, 419 Sylvania, Charlotte, N.C. 28206, whose specialty is girl wrestlers, both posed and action shots; Hartley Cooper, 21 Cherryhill Rd., Winnipeg 17, Manitoba,Canada; and Earle F. Yetter, 138 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo,N.Y. 1520

If any of you readers have a fan club, photo service, or desire pen pals and want to be listed in this column, you can send me a sample, if such is the case, at 1627 Shields Avenue, St. Paul, Menn. 55104.

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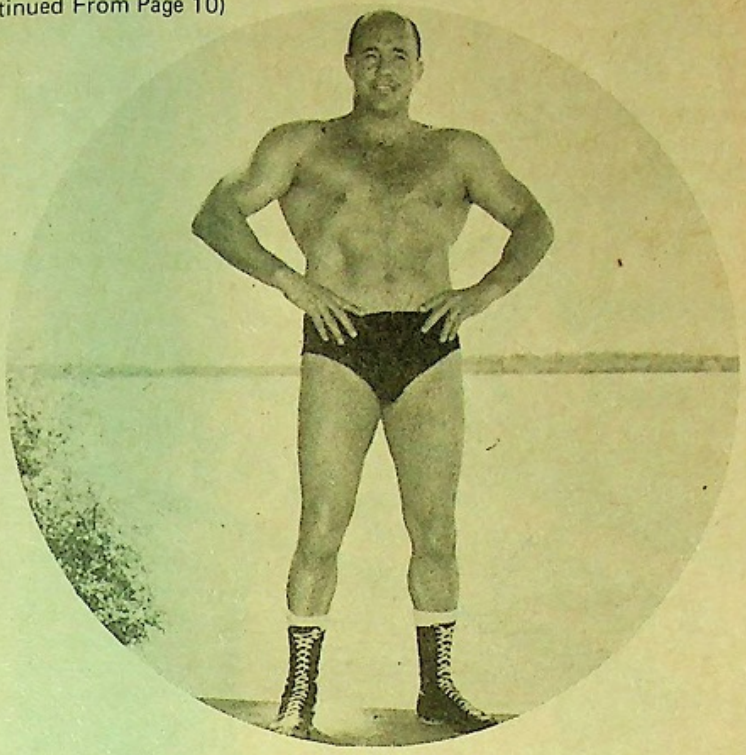

VERNE GAGNE

championship of professional wrestling. I don't see how wrestling can carry on with three champions. I believe that wrestling fans deserve to have just one man recognized as champion. Hopefully, the two wrestling alliances will realize this, also.

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So, if you are beginning to notice that your forehead is getting larger, beginning to notice that there is too much hair on your comb, beginning to be worried about the dryness of your hair, the itchyness of your scalp, the ugly dandruff — these are Nature's Red Flags warning you of impending baldness. Even if you have been losing your hair for some time, don't let seborrhea rob you of the rest of your hair.

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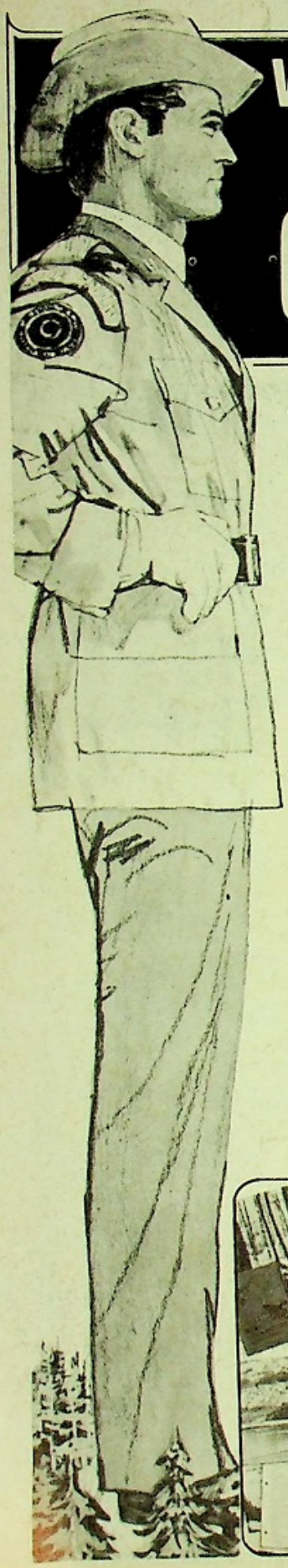

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